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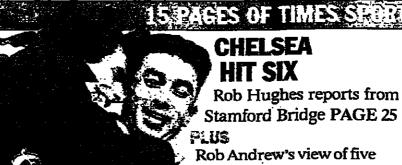
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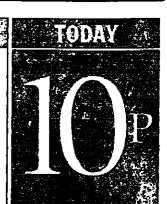




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# Major to call May 1 election today

## Presidential style for marathon campaign

JOHN MAJOR will announce today that the General Election is on May I and pave the way for a marathon campaign that he hopes will turn round the biggest deficit ever faced

by a governing party as it goes Cabinet ministers have been summoned to Downing Street to be told of the Prime Minister's plans this morning. Then he will go to Buckingham Palace to ask the Queen for a dissolution of Parliament, probably early in April. before telling the country from the steps of Number 10 that he is

about to seek a fifth successive Conservative term of office. The contest will begin immediately, with Mr Major staging a series of media interviews. He is then expected to travel to the first of his meet-the-people meetings, in the Home Counties. Ministers will maintain the momentum with more policy announcements, including one today from Ian Lang, the Board of Trade president, that he wants

to raise El billion by selling off the airwaves used by mobile telephones and radio-pagers. The campaign, almost certainly the longest in political history, will be the first in Britain to include a head-tohead television debate be-

tween the two main party Mr Major made clear at the weekend that he was ready to break with tradition and go ahead and Tony Blair declared his enthusiasm for the idea. The move confirmed that this will be the most presidential-style election ever staged in Britain. In spite of the threat of a legal challenge from Padoy Ashdown, there were

strong indications last night that it would go ahead. Mr Major was reported to be upbeat now the moment of truth had arrived and he was able to end the speculation. Remaining business will be pushed through the Commons over the next 10 days before

the Easter break, after which MPs will go to the constituencies to do battle. Mr Major's face-to-face de-

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR Eurosceptic strategy Matthew Parris... Election guide ... Peter Riddell..

William Rees-Mogg. row, with the Conservatives insisting that Mr Ashdown should not be able to take part and the Liberal Democrat leader threatening action in

the courts to block any programme if he was excluded. In previous elections Mr Major's move would have been seen as a gamble, giving his main opponent a chance to strike a knockout blow. But lagging so far behind in the polis, Mr Major has little to lose and has seized the oppor-

tunity to take on Mr Blair. He wants himself and Mr Blair to be able to interrogate each other, as well as taking questions from a panel of pundits and academics. A source close to him said yesterday: "He reckons the media have given Blair an easy time. He wants to have a go

have they been for the past few years?" In spite of the acknowledged difficulty of accommodating Mr Ashdown, most senior politicians were

confident that a debate, or

more likely two, would take

The Blair camp retorted:

"The Tories are arrogantly

claiming that Major will wipe

the floor with Blair. Where



This must be the Major

Blair debate everyone's talking about"

#### crats do not like the idea, it is possible that Mr Ashdown would be interviewed separately during the middle of any debate so he would he

given air time. The Conservatives are opposed to Mr Major being taken on both by Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown. Brian Mawhinney, who decided the debating conditions with Mr Major during a late-night meeting at a hotel near Bath on Friday, said Mr Major wanted a "prime ministerial"

tial occupants of 10 Downing "People should have the opportunity to hear and listen to those two men being rigorously cross-examined and discussing the issues between themselves, because one or other of them will be prime minister at the end of the election. Mr Ashdown won't,"

Liberal Democrat leader's "legitimate" demands to get his views across, but said he was "confident" broadcasters would be able to find a way for the Major-Blair debate to go Mr Blair said: "We have of course been pressing for

Record.

months and months for such a debate, so obviously we welcome this, assuming that it is a serious offer. I am perfectly happy with the idea of a debate between the Prime Minister and myself, which is why we have been pressing for it." He said it was for the broadcasters to work out

parties needed to be represented.

Mr Major hopes the election announcement will instil the discipline into his party that it has so hadly lacked in the last few years. There was another squall yesterday when West Midlands Tories indicated that they wanted to make immigration an election issue in apparent open defiance of the wishes of the party leadership. They plan to meet this week to work out an agreed

response to what they see as

Labour's plans to weaken

Britain's immigration laws.



John Major snatches his final moments of pre-election relaxation at his home yesterday

#### bate call was the first impor-tant initiative of the campaign and provoked its first serious NatWest faces

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Brussels protest The pain of the Continent's unemployment spilled on to the streets of Brussels yesterday when tens of thousands marched in protest at the European Union's failure to protect jobs in the face of the

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## Europe ready to send token force to Albania

THE European Union held back yesterday from any large-scale intervention in Albania, agreeing only to offer a team of civil and military mission.

An advance team of officials Europe could not get involved will leave for Tirana today to "in another adventure" Yugoprepare for the advisory mission, whose aim will be to help the EU, he said. with building up Albania's police and military infrastructure. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, meeting his European counterparts at

ens", not hundreds. in Europe, that troops and police be sent in to quell the The 15 ministers were divided, with some favouring mili-In London, Michael tary intervention to restore Portillo, the Defence Secreorder and others who backed tary, said there were no plans a more modest approach. to send troops. Speaking on Despite pressure from Italy GMTV's Sunday Programme. and France to send a military peacekeeping force of up to he said: "I am not in a hurry to

By Charles Bremner in Apeldoorn and Michael Evans and foreign embassies. Britain, Germany and Sweden insisted on only a limited EU Klaus Kinkel, the German

> fice said. As the foreign ministers met slavia had been a lesson for in Apeldoorn. American Ma-The ministers had met after a request by the Albanian Government for troops to restore order, and a suggestion by Franz Vranitzky, the former Austrian Chancellor who headed a team sent to Albania by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation

Foreign Minister, warned that

The Foreign Office reported that 40 Britons still remained in Albania, about 15 of whom were unnaccounted for But some of them may have left without reporting to the British Embassy, the Foreign Of-

rines stormed out of CH53 Super Stallion helicopters onto Golem Beach six miles south of the Albanian port of Durres to rescue American. Turkish and Italian citizens from the continuing anarchy. Two Sea Stallions lifted foreign nationals out to safety on ships standing by in the Adrianc. The Marines, who carried automatic rifles, antitank weapons and night-vision gogules, used rifle butts to

board the aircraft to escape anarchy. Child vandals, page 12

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beat off Albanians trying to

## Cameras net snooze view of the world

LIVE action from the centre of Britain's oldest recorded town is being secretly relayed to a

potential audience of 77 million surfers of the Internet around the globe. Anyone with a computer may now thrill to the footage of shoppers, delivery vans, the



Colchester: the way

By NICK NUTTALL AND MICHAEL HORSNELL chester. The development is the latest and, some say, the least sparkling, aspect of a growing pastime of computer

> Cameras are being aimed at waters in California, Brazilian beaches and the slopes of ski resorts so that visitors can check out the surf, see if the beach is packed, or whether the snow looks good. It also allows them to watch another world go by. Some of these private cam-

eras, dubbed windows on the

world, are showing bizarre live footage ranging from a busy traffic intersection in New York city, an ant hill, people reclining in their living rooms, and even somebody's lavatory in America. While some feel these sites

hold a strange fascination,

others dismiss them as the

high tech equivalent of the denstist's aquarium. This weekend citizens thronging the north Essex

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## **BBC** moves to accept terms on TV debate

By JILL SHERMAN AND CAROL MIDGLEY THE BBC last night appeared to be edging towards a deal with the Conservative Party over a televised debate between John Major and Tony

nations rugby PAGE 27

After frantic discussions between four TV channels and the three main parties yesterday, there were signs that the BBC was prepared to accept many of the terms which Mr Major wanted. The Prime Minister demanded there should be no public audience; Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader should not

be allowed to participate; and

that Mr Blair and Mr Major should be allowed to crossquestion each other. Early yesterday the broadcasting organisations sig-nalled that it would be difficult to exclude Mr Ashdown from any TV debate due to broadcasting guidelines which call for impartiality. By the evening, however, the BBC appeared to take a much softer stance, hinting that there might be a way of giving Mr

Ashdown a slot after the

chairman of the BBC, said :

debate took place.

Sir Christopher

We are in uncharted territory and the rules will have to be worked out carefully and, as far as they can be able to withstand legal challenge." Both Labour and Tory sources also suggested that the BBC were desperate to strike a deal before ITV came up with an acceptable proposal. The BBC, ITV, Sky and the independent producers of Break-

fast With Frost, Paradine

Productions, were formulat-

ing rival offers. ITV's bid is

understood to be a Major-

Blair debate with a break in the middle in which Mr Ashdown would be interviewed. This is thought to have been rejected by Mr

Ashdown. The BBC's proposal is to have three separate debates featuring Mr Major and Mr Blair, Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown, and Mr Major and Mr Ashdown. It has no objections to the absence of a studio Sky is said to have suggested having the single Major-

Blair debate but following it

up with a three way debate

involving Mr Ashdown. Sir

David Frost's company has suggested featuring all three leaders but allocating less time to Mr Ashdown. One possible outcome is that the broadcasters would follow the US example, screening the debate on all channels simultaneously. Alternatively, the debates could be staged in turn by different channels and

the recorded highlights be made available to the others. An aide to Mr Blair made clear that Labour favoured the option in which Mr Ashdown would be interviewed in the middle of the main debate instead of being part of it. The party also called for audience participation, with the audience being allowed to ask

questions and take make their

they would agree to a three-

way debate between the three

leaders, or three separate

debates. They conceded that

the two debates with Mr

Ashdown could be shorter

than the one between the two

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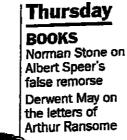
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## Major's new battle cry will say that Europe isn't working

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

new Eurosceptic strategy based on the theme "Europe isn't working" as a key element of their election

After a fierce battle with Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, the Prime Minister has won their backing for a campaign to contrast rising unemployment and higher spending on the Continent with Britain's improving economic record.

At a meeting last month, the Chancellor and the Deputy Prime Minister ruled out any campaign which could be construed as overtly anti-European. Mr Clarke in particular opposed

advertisements which portraved Labour as the pro-European party and Tories as more sceptical. He is said to have dug his heels in over certain slogans which were to have appeared on the ill-fated lion posters, such as "Euro Labour, Euro taxes" or "Euro Labour, Euro job

But after a heated debate, he agreed to a compromise strategy in which the Tories could focus on key areas where Britain has been more suc-cessful than Europe, and highlight the danger of Labour adopting specific European policies which could ruin it all. One party source argued that significant progress had been made at the meeting: "Six months ago, Clarke and

THE Tories are to launch a Heseltine would just not have agreed even to pinpointing unemployment or spending in Europe.

When the latest British unemployment figures are anon Wednesday. ministers will also point to the dramatic rise in unemployment in Germany over the past six months. They will pepper speeches with the fact that the average level of unemployment across the Continent higher than Britain, and that if public spending levels in Europe were translated to Britain every family would pay £2,300 extra in taxes. The extra tax burden is calculated on the premise that spending

#### Tories point to jobs record

ALMOST alone among her major European partners, Britain can point to an exemplary record in tackling rising nemployment, say ministers. The jobless rate of 6.5 per cent is among the lowest in Europe on a par with The

Netherlands and Denmark. The figure in Germany leapt last month to 4.8 million. In February 120,000 Germans lost their jobs bringing the unemployment rate to 125 per cent. France has a similarly high level of unemployment - 12.4 per cent, with Spain at

on the Continent is on average 50 per cent of GDP whereas in Britain it is nearer 40 per cent

Senior Tories will then suggest that once Labour adopts the Social Chapter and the national minimum wage, which has been introduced by most European countries, the number of jobless in this country will soar. They will also highlight Tony Blair's inexperience as a negotiator when it comes to settling the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam, and suggest that he will be unable to stand up to the other nations.

Although Mr Clarke and Mr Major have agreed to focus on the domestic economy this week, strategists do not rule out new advertisements on Europe once the election campaign starts. They are still confident that the Eurosceptic card will be a vote-winner, and are anxious to ensure that the new theme becomes a constant feature of campaign speeches and press conferences.

Party advisers also concede that the Tories can no longer gain any electoral advantage over sceptical line on a single currency, because Labour's position is almost identical to their own. Mr Clarke has prevented Mr Major from hardening the position to rule out a single currency, and the "wait and see" approach will now be held through the election campaign.



Heads I win: Alan Howarth, the Labour candidate, in Newport East yesterday

## Defector Howarth is selected for safe Labour sea

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPOND

ALAN HOWARTH, the MP who defected from the Conservatives to Labour, was yesterday the clear winner of selection contest for the candidacy of the safe Labour seat of Newport East. Mr Howarth, currently MP

for Stratford on Avon, a safe Conservative seat, won more than 50 per cent of the vote after a crowded hustings meeting in Newport yesterday afternoon. The former Tory junior education minister, who joined Labour on the eve of the 1995 Tory conference, yesterday won 141 votes, against Reg Kelly, a local candidate, who gained 58 votes and Bryan Davies, the Labour frontbencher, with 49.

Mr Howarth, who failed to be selected for Wythenshawe, last year, was put on a shortlist of four after Roy Hughes, the sitting MP, decided last month to retire. Mr Davies's current seat of Oldham Central & Royton is disappearing under bound-

A delighted Mr Howarth, 52, said last night that the result was "beyond his wildest dreams". He said that he had talked to most of the 400 constituency members either on the telephone, or face-toface raising the issues of social injustice and division.

"I came to the Labour Party because I was angry and ashamed of so many of the things taking place in this country - the widening inequality, the deepening poverty and the neglect of public services like health and education. There are millions of people who share that angerand will be moving across to support Tony Blair, new Lab our and the first-rate team o shadow ministers ready to start the long and difficult task of turning things

around," Mr Howarth said. Mr Blair hailed Mr. Howarth's win as a "quite brilliant" result. "I believe today's decision is one of the most significant events in the three years since I became leader, because it really does show that the changes in our party go deep," Mr Blair said. I am really pleased for Alam. He is a courageous and talented man."

Yesterday Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh secretary, denied any suggestion that Mr Howarth had been "parachuted" into south Wales, a rocksolid Labour heartland. Today's selection has been perfectly fair and perfectly democratic," said Mr Davies.

The attention will now focus on Bryan Davies. Efforts will be made to find a seat for him before polling day. Once the campaign has started the Labour leadership is entitled to impose a candidate.

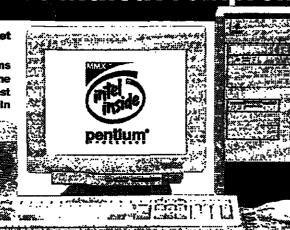
It has been rumoured that Derek Foster, MP for Bishop Auckland, might retire and be given a seat in the Lords, and that Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse, the Deputy Speaker, will announce his retirement from his Pontefract and Castleford seat. At least one other MP is considering standing down before the imminent general

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### Surfers net **snooze** view of the world

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Tom Hunter, 62, a caretaker from Colchester, said: "Nobody should be subjected to this sort of thing unless they

are asked first." But Gilbert Morapedi, 32, who is taking a Ph.D in the agrarian history of Bostwana at the University of Essex, disagreed. He said: "The view is not private because this is a public thoroughfare. But I can think of better things to

The camera has been set up as a pilot project by Actual Size Internet Solutions of Brightlingsea. Essex, at the office of their strategic partners, Aspects Internet Access. Jamie Clary, managing director of Action Size, said: "Anyone with time to kill would want to look in on Colchester ... it is like sitting in a street cafe watching the world go

Phil Plistever of EarthCam, a company based in Hackensack, New Jersey, which is monitoring the development of so-called Street or Web Cams said there were now thousands of private cameras relaying live images. They raised the possibility of "pirate" broadcasts from major sporting events, such as Wimbledon or they could be used to keep an eye on the babysitter from the office.

Recently BT pulled the plug on one camera permanently showing footage of a Cabinet minister's house. Pornograph-"keyholes" would would also be banned, said BT.



## Students will be told to expect tuition fees

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRISTOL University will warn students starting degree courses from 1998 that it may charge for tuition fees at any stage during their studies.

Nearly 20 leading universities agreed before Christmas to give early warning of a possible charge next year to avoid the possibility of legal action by students who applied for places thinking that

tuition would be free. All but six have changed their minds. Bristol will join Oxford. Cambridge. Durham and Nottingham Universities and the London School of Economics in a breakaway group. Other apparent enthusiasts for "top-up" fees, such as University College London, have decided to put off any

change until 1999. Sir John Kingman, Bristol's Vice-Chancellor, has written to head teachers and principals of sixth-form colleges explaining that the introduction of fees may be necessary to preserve the university's quality. However, Sir John added: "I stress that we have made no decision to charge such a fee, but present uncertainties in the funding of higher education have caused the Council of the University to decide that it would be failing in its duty if it did not take precautionary mea-sures." A final decision will be taken in the autumn, when government spending priori-

ties become clear. Existing plans, which Labour has said it will honour if it wins the election, allow for a reduction of 7.5 per cent in state funding for each student over the next three years. Although last year's Budget restored some of the cuts in university spending. Sir John said that government support for higher education would drop by £263 million by 1999-

Other universities are wary of threatening fees, however, in case they frighten off prospective students. Some believe that a Labour government would ensure that they did not profit from ending free tuition. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, has raised the prospect of reducing the grants of universities that introduce fees.

Some universities, such as Sheffield and Kent, have reversed their plans after drafting prospectuses that included warning of possible fees. Students on both campuses have claimed that their protests brought about a change of heart.

The National Union of Students has promised publicity campaigns against universities that do not rule out fees for next year. A spokeswoman said the union was still engaged in talks with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, discussing alternative sources of funding, but would ensure that potential applicants were aware of where there was a threat of

Most vice-chancellors are pinning their hopes on Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education to persuade a new government to make up the funding gap. Both Labour and the Conservatives oppose topup fees, but have made it clear that students will be expected to make some contribution towards the cost of higher education in future.

#### Labour warns of schools cash crisis

LABOUR will claim today that one local authority in three will have less money to spend on schools in the new financial year, even before allowing for inflation and rising numbers of pupils (John O'Leary writes), A survey of the 132 educa-

tion authorities suggests that state schools will receive almost almost £100 million less in 1997-98 if councillors stick to the Government's spending plans. Metropolitan areas and the new unitary authorities will be hardest hit. Labour's calculations compare estimates of the current year's spending with the plans in the last Budget. In practice, because local authorities set their own priorities, spending is certain to exceed the Government's allocation.

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6 Major can chat with us, or he can address us. He is superlative at chatting. At addressing he is abysmal 9

## Television debate is all about looks, not about words

t's the format, stupid. Who gains the advantage in any L televised head-to-head be-tween John Major and Tony Blair depends critically on the

These are such different men. lacks. The format best designed to John Major's strengths will be poorly suited to Tony Blair's personal style; and the best catwalk for Mr Blair the worst for Mr Major. Tony Blair is a barrister and John Major is a life insurance salesman.

Do not be fooled by the Labour leader's informality; it is a device. His instinct is to project and he projects with skill and charm. In any gathering, Blair's undertone and body language are not to draw others around as equals, or invite dialogue: it is to step back, put a little distance between himself and the crowd and address them as an audience. This is not a style which sips brandy with you.

Blair is careful not to hector and is never pompous, but there is always an invisible row of footlights in front of him. He can prosecute or defend and excels at both, but what he cannot do is pass the time of day. This is the actor to play the Messiah or Lucifer, Iago or Othello, Don Carlos or the Grand Inquisitor.

So long as Mr Blair retains his command, he is almost invincible. His ability to project

His vulnerabilities are of a different kind. There are three. When the first squashed tomato hits the Armani suit or the first irreverent giggle inter-rupts from the back, or when he trips, Mr Blair will be in uncharted water. Second, though quick and

articulate he sometimes lacks (as professional advocates often do) the security which comes from a real grasp of one's case, and intellectual confidence to it. A format which places him so to speak - in an Oxbridge tutor's book-lined study, de-fending an essay which was perhaps slightly too hastily

Matthew Parris looks

forward to

a talent night on television

cobbled together, could have him sweating. Third, like many great orators, he is well displayed at 30 yards. An impertinent camera-shot on the perspiring brow, the defensive glance or the nervous mouth, could unsettle viewers.

Were I negotiating this broadcast on Tony Blair's behalf, I would want him stand-ing up, in a good-sized studio, some distance from a herd of questioners, "chairing" himself, and calling each to put their question.

The more questioners, the better: I would suggest a dozen or more. I would resist the idea that Mr Major be allowed to cross-question him directly.

A very different format would suit the Prime Minister.

As a performer, Mr Major operates in two such different modes that he can almost seem to be two separate people. He can chat with us, or he can address us. He is superlative at chatting. At addressing people he is abysmal. Where I would hire Tony Blair to address and motivate my insurance salesmen's conference, it is Mr Major I would put on the doorstep with the life policies Locked into a detailed and

constructive discussion about any plan for action, John Major comes across as confident, deft, knowledgeable and pleasant. He possesses the persuasive, man-to-man skills of any great counsellor (or, indeed, confidence trickster). He is seen to wards you, drawing you in. It is an intimate manner which reathes conviction.

But set him apart from his audience — place him, blink-ing, in the footlights — make it "me" versus "them", and the Prime Minister fails either to project or to defend himself en. Defending, he sounds aggrieved. His throat tightens and his voice rises to an angry drone, like a distant chainsaw.

Thrown on to the back foot, John Major's face freezes and he becomes unable to smile, relax, or even to show real anger. He begins to look like a man who will not own up.

Were I negotiating this headto-head on John Major's be-

half, there would be no stage, no herd and no studio. The encounter would take place in scholarly circumstances of quiet hospitality and I should want no more than three of four questioners

Major would be seated within a yard of Blair and amongst, not in front of, the questioners. All would be in armchairs, nobody enjoying any special furniture or pride of place. The ambience would be that of coffee in the library, after dinner: reasonable men and women trying to sort out diffi-

nd I should insist that Major be permitted to put direct questions himself to Blair. Major's tone would be relentlessly affable. He would simply ignore fingerwagging or censorious behavabove it, his attitude that of a senior colleague, trying (without patronising) to explain to a rather chippy junior that things were not as simple as he supposed. If John Major could carry that armchair in his imagination, and address us from it regardless of his real surroundings, he will always carry conviction. And so long as Tony Blair can feel that spotlight and see that audience. best advantage leaning — actu-ally or metaphorically — tohe will give his best, even from

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6 Blair can prosecute or defend and excels at both, but what he cannot do is pass the time of day 9

## Pitfalls line the American way

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IT IS 37 years since Richard Nixon lost the first televised presidential debate in American history, but his performance has haunted candidates for the White House ever since.

While British politicians are more accustomed to the challenges of parlia-mentary questions, the risks of presidential-style televised debate are manifold. The American techniques are certain to be under the closest scutiny by John Major, Tony Blair and their image

The 1960 studio exchange between Mr Nixon and John Kennedy, viewed by 70 million Americans, not merely defined every future campaign but offered television an unprecedented opportunity to create a lasting perception of the candidate. In stark contrast to his sun-tanned and relaxed Democratic opponent, a pallid Mr Nixon appeared on the set eight pounds underweight from a stay in

hospital and perspiring heavily under the studio lights. His make-up barely concealing the shadow of a beard, which led one wit to dub him Lazy Shave, the Nixon package contributed to an overall impression of the Republican as sinister

and shifty-eyed. To make matters worse, Mr Nixon had injured his knee as he stepped from the limousine, forcing him to shift weight to minimise the pain. As he leaned forward on the podium, the ill-fitting grey suit which blended with the backdrop, fell forward on one shoulder. He glanced repeatedly at a clock off stage.

On the advice of a television producer, Mr Kennedy, dressed in a fitted blue suit. maintained eye contact with the camera and had trimmed his bushy hair to counter criticism that he was too young to lead the nation. Those who heard the debate on radio felt that Mr Nixon had won. For the television audience, how-

ever, Mr Kennedy was the clear victor. The Republican never recovered while Kennedy's support multiplied from that

Preparation for the presidential debates has since become a grand production worthy of Hollywood. Aware of the overwhelming power of television, candidates jockey for visual advantage in predebate negotiations. In 1960, discussion had centred on the temperature in the studio. Nixon aides had argued that thermostats be turned down to lessen their candidate's tendency to sweat. The Kennedy men had increased the heat.

Throughout this century, the taller candidate has always been the safest bet to win the election. Facing Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter used every means at his disposal to reduce his opponent's 32inch height advantage. He is even reported to have worn lifts in his shoes during the debates.

## Call to arms for longest battle

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE countdown to a May I lection is under way. John Major will fire the starting gun today for the longest election campaign in living memory. There will be 44 days between the calling of the election and polling day. The only comparable gap was in 1945, when the election took place 41 days after being announced.

Mr Major put his party on an election footing at the weekend. After his visit to Buckingham Palace today, ministers will hit the ground running. Apart from a break over Easter to give the voters a rest, there will be six weeks of

unrelenting campaigning.
To haul back his poll deficit Mr Major has assembled a big personal campaign team. it emerged yesterday that Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare will assist in the organisation of all his evening events, including the rallies. Ministers are keen to get the

Commons up quickly. After the election announcement the whips will agree on which Bills can be got through

But Westminster has been in limbo for days. Although the formal dissolution of Parliament may not come until early in April, allowing MPs access to their parliamentary offices up until then, most MPs want to get out on the campaign trail. Mr Major is about to let them off the leash. As they prepare for the battle ahead ministers and MPs will bear in mind the following milestones.

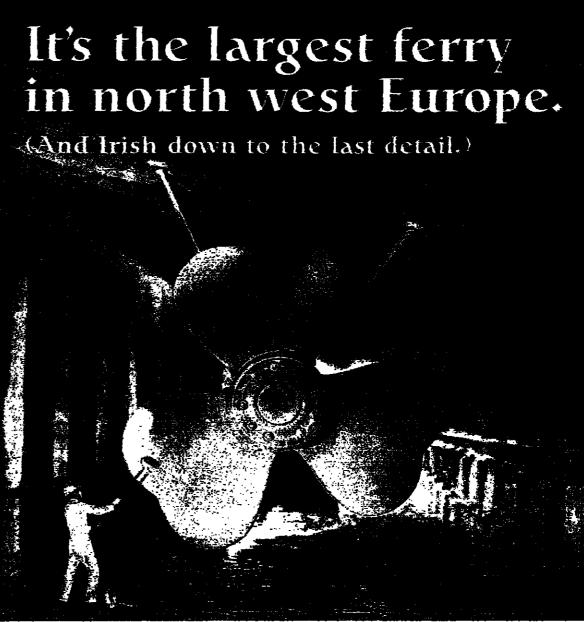
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employment. ☐ March 20: cabinet finalises manifesto. ☐ March 25: last Question

Time clash between Mr Major and Mr Blair. ☐ March 26/27: MPs rise for Easter, probably not to return before the election.

☐ April 2-3: parties publish manifestos. ☐ April 4: Major holds the first of seven hig campaign rallies, at the Royal Albert

□ April 7: party leaders formally take to the road in their campaigns. □ April 16: nominations close. ☐ April 29: Mr Major's final



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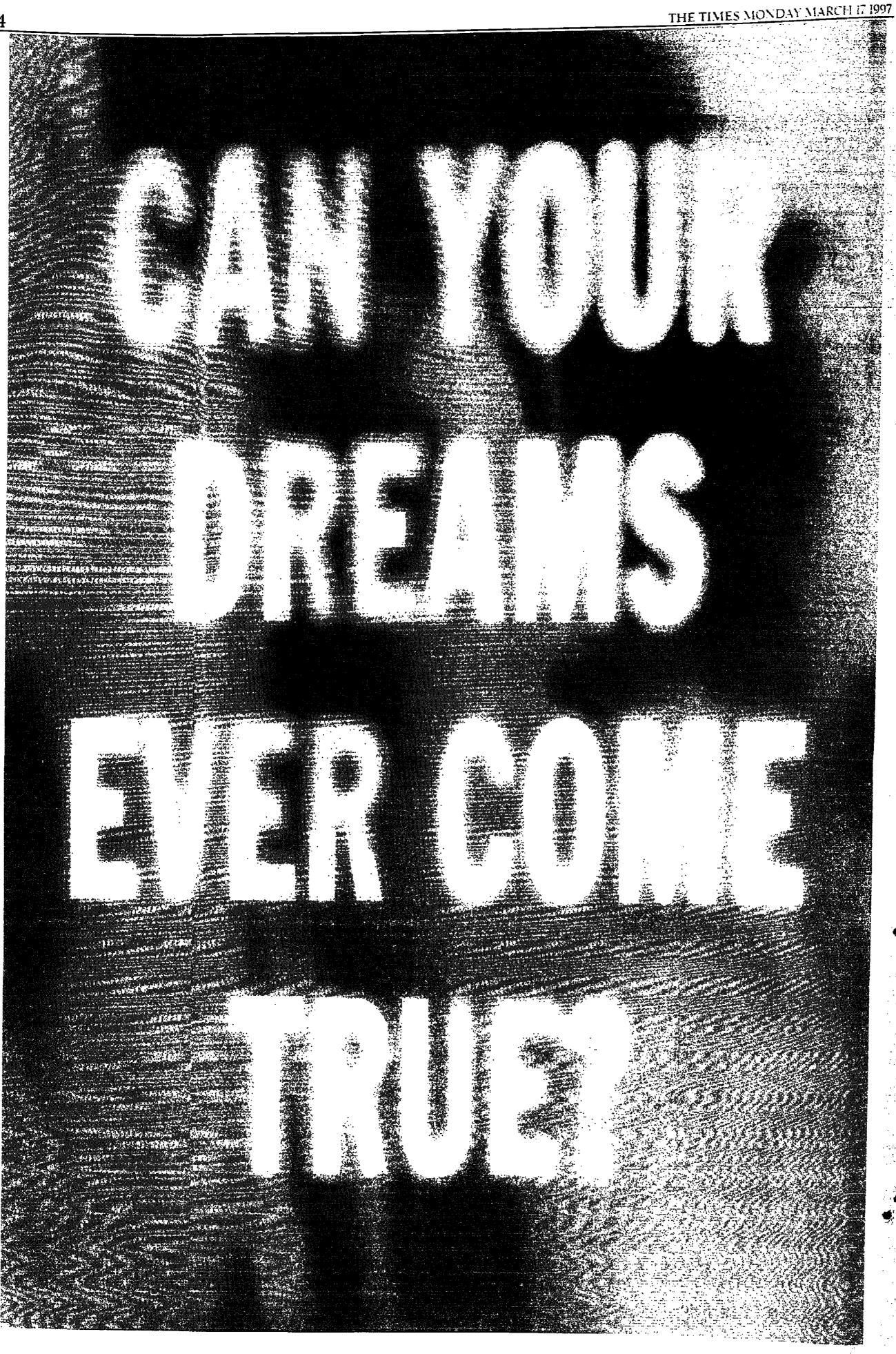
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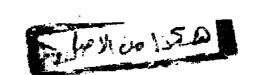
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## Television in cells and microwaves make jail plusher than any in England, chief inspector reports

# IRA prisoners lead 'a life of luxury' in Ulster



Sir David: he was once an IRA bomb target

HOME CORRESPONDENT

TERRORIST prisoners transferred from England to serve their sen-tences in an Ulster jail are living in luxury unprecedented on the mainland, says a report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, a former Army officer who was once an IRA target.

Maghaberry jail was described by one prison source as "a retirement home for terrorists with incell television, access to microwave ovens, toasters and fridge-freezers. Each inmate can spend up to £99 a week in the prison shop.

They have access to two full-sized grass soccer pitches, two pitches with artificial turl and each wing also has a multi-gym. Among those

transferred to Maghaberry were Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, and Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer who were convicted of an IRA plot to bomb English seaside

in an unnanounced visit inspectors also discovered female prisoners in the women's unit ignored prison officers and would only speak to the governor or deputy governor. \*Prisoners telephoned the Director of Operations: and he responded to their requests," the report by Sir David Ramsbotham, the chief inspector, says.

Sir David, Colonel Commandant 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets from 1987 to 1992, was believed to be the intended target of an IRA bomb found outside his home in Kensington in November 1989. He served several tours of duty in Northern Ireland and in 1974 he commanded a battalion in the Lower Falls area. From 1978 to 1980 he commanded the 39 Infantry Brigade responsible for the Belfast district.

Although the prison has a policy of integrating loyalist and republi-can prisoners, two timetables operated in the furniture craft shop because republican women inmates refused to work with other prisoners, inspectors found.

In the women's unit every cell had a television which the inmates rented for 25p a week. "Duvets and curtains were common. The standard of the accommodation was the best we have seen anywhere for

Association rooms were furnished with a television, stereo system. exercise equipment, a pool table and mini library. Families were allowed into the jail which holds an annual summer sportsday and barbecue and a Christmas pantomime.

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Each unit within Maghaberry jail also has a food freezer, a microwave oven, toaster and kettles and prisoners were able to purchase unlimited quantities of food from the

The level of luxury for inmates is an embarrassment for Michael Howard who agreed to transfer men and women convicted of serious terrorist offences to jails in Northern Ireland on the basis they enjoyed no more privileges than they would on the mainland. The

Home Secretary's policy is that prison should be "decent but austere" and he is opposed to in-cell television.

Around 20 men and women convicted of terrosit offences on the mainland have been transferred back to Maghaberry. Sir David demanded a reduction in the £99-aweek spending limit to the £2.50p to £15 range, depending on a prisoner's status, operating at jails in

England and Wales. Sir David supported one demand from Anderson and O'Dwyer, who were transferred from Durham jail, to be treated the same as other women inmates and allowed compassionate leave to visit relatives in Northern Ireland who were seriously ill. They are currently held under

Home Office rules which do not allow them to benefit from more relaxed rules on early release and compassionate leave operating in Northern Ireland.

A spokeswoman of the Northern Ireland Office said there was no upper limit on the amount of personal private cash a prisoner could spend written down in regulations.

She admitted that the system was more generous than that operating in England and Wales but said it was unlikely inmates actually spent that amount.

The spokeswoman said the Northern Ireland prison service welcomed the report and would respond fully to its findings in a

## May Balls fall victim to the serious business of having fun

THE harsh laws of the free-market jungle have invaded the traditional idyll of May Balls, the champagne-fuelled rites of passage for Oxbridge undergraduates. In an increasingly competitive mar-ket, colleges are turning to celebrity consultants and corporate sponsors to show that nothing succeeds like excess.

With prices for the smartest tickets breaking the £200 barrier, students are shopping around outside their own colleges for the most lavish ball to attend. Smaller competitors are unable to

At the height of the recession. some balls - most notably at Pembroke, Cam-- collapsed through lack of support. Now times have changed. When tickets for the Trinity Ball went on sale this year, all 900 went in 25 minutes. Students had been queueing for hours. Paula Black, president of

the Trinity Ball committee, said: "It was the first year we have had queues. It is quite a lot of money to pay, but it goes further because there are more attractions now."

Trinity, which annually rivals St John's as the biggest Cambridge ball, first held such events at the turn of the century. Then the boat club had a dinner and dance under the stars for members of the

Celebrity consultants and corporate sponsors are the new face of Oxbridge May Balls, Damian Whitworth writes.

college. Now, students expect ever more innovative entertainment all through the

Last year Emmanuel had an event for 600 students costing £17 a head. This year 1,400 guests are paying £207 for a double ticket, including dinner and a chart band. Bruce Oldfield, the fashion designer, has been engaged to design the event. Tickets sold

out within days.
Toby Chapell, president of the Emmanuel Ball committee, said: "People are expect-



Magdalene poster by Scarfe, and sponsorship

ing a lot more. You need a famous band, jazz, comedy, a casino, and rides. So you've got to do a big event for a lot of people to cover that,"

Nadya Rajan, another Emmanuel student who coordinates the ball's press coverage, added: "There is a much more consumer approach to the larger balls. People from other colleges shop around."

At Magdalene College, Cambridge, the ball has a poster designed by Gerald Scarfe, lighting by the company that illuminated the Brit Awards, and support from the merchant bank SBC War-burg. "It's the first time we have had a sponsor of that calibre," said Nick Watkins. its ball president, who has also talked his way into a job with the bank when the ball is 'Standards have been get-

ting higher and higher in recent years. It is getting to the stage when you have to have very good ideas just to get noticed, there's a lot more competition." Even without naming the bands that will be playing on the night, most of

the £220 double tickets have

Colleges unable to compete with the most professional balls are holding more low-key, cheaper and less formal events. Ben Jackson, president of Cambridge University Student Union, said: "It's very competitive. For a lot of colleges, there is a move away from holding balls towards events which cost slightly less. Some of the smaller ones fold

or are unsuccessful." At Oxford, the competition is a little less ferocious. Christ Church recently decided, in a spirit of egalitarianism, to scrap its traditional triennial commemorative ball in favour of a less grand event, leaving New College and Magdalen, the big players in this field.

This year it is the turn of Magdalen — 750 double tickets at £185, or £220 including dinner — have already sold out. Aniela Waitt, of the Magdalen Ball committee, said: "At Cambridge, things are slightly worse because there are more balls held every year. But there are very high expectations for the Magdalen Ball, which is tough for us. We have to cater for so many kinds of music. The days of just one band are gone, and you need a chart band that people have heard



Degrees of celebration: a long night stretches out at St John's, Cambridge

#### Relatives celebrate Oates the polar hero

By Michael Horsnell

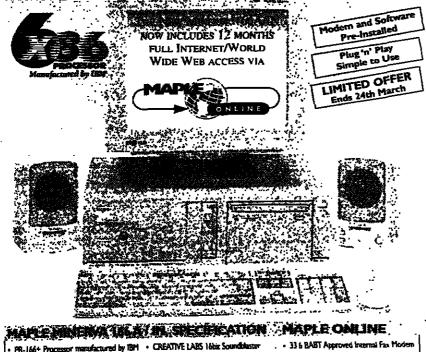
CAPTAIN OATES, who farnously gave his life during Scott's ill-fated 1912 expedition to the South Pole, was remem-

bered yesterday at the village church where he worshipped. Descendants of the man who defined courage for a generation of Englishmen gathered at the 13th-century St Mary's Church in Gestingthorpe, Essex, after a determined effort by the churchwarden Tony Dagnall to trace them. Veterans of Oates's regiment the Inniskilling Dragoons, joined them and villagers in a service to mark his death 85 years ago today. when he was 32.

Caroline Oates, 15, a greatgreat-niece, said: "I would love to have met him. I am very proud of him. He has made me realise what people can do and how they can help others. He is an inspiring figure."

Suffering from severe frostbite, Oates told his colleagues on the expedition, "I am just going outside, and may be some time", because he feared that he was slowing them down. Mr Dagnall, who described Oates as a great hero, hopes for a permanent memorial in the form of a foundation that would reward the courage of young people.





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# Treasury will be keeping its foot on the brake

TRANSPORT has long been the Cinderella of government. Neglected, starved of funds and low on the list of Cabinet priorities. Britain's roads, railways and urban networks are in a sorry state. Since the Tories came to power in 1979 there have been 11 Transport Secretaries. staying an average of only 18 months. The department is demoralised and confused as the Treasury repeatedly singles it out for a bad deal in the annual spending round. In the last Budget, it was savaged even more than usual, with £870 million lopped off its plans. Indeed, the very existence of the department is in question: the Tories have indicated they may abolish it, and Labour is said to be considering its amalgamation with the environment department. Yet transport is an issue that

arouses strong passions among voters. The motorists' lobby which can include anyone who owns a car - is strong and angry at the state of Britain's crumbling motorways and bridges, the congestion now estimated to cost business £19 billion a year, and the cuts in road building. Rail enthusiasts are even angrier. Rail privatisation, the most complex and controversial of all the state selloffs, has been bitterly opposed from its inception by many Conservative as well as Labour supporters. The form, as well as the philosophy, has been questioned, the bureaucratic difficulties protracted and the results yet to win over most rail users.

Transport is also caught in the crossfire between opposing interests. The rise of the environmental

backbone of Britain's transport system: private cars and lorries. Once seen by Tories as the symbol of individual choice and affluence. the car is now the enemy to green activists. Road building threatens the interests of homeowners and the countryside. Car pollution is a main cause of urban noise, dirt. rising respiratory illness and environmental damage. The rise in car ownership is blamed for the decline in public transport, especially in the countryside, the construction of out-of-town shopping centres which are killing the heart of many towns, and traffic congestion.

The Conservatives have found that traditional friends such as motoring lobbies have become liabilities; the influence they had on the Department of Transport's policies is blamed for the under-

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funding of public transport, especially rail and the Underground. But curbing the car would be costly and unpopular. Under Margaret Thatcher, who was hostile to public transport — especially rail — no attempt was made. But Sir George Young, the present Transport Secretary, has announced that the future road-building programme is to be drastically reduced. Apart from a few bypasses around historic towns, the upgrading of some roads and the refurbishing of the motorways, virtually no roads are

to be built across virgin land. Yet 95 per cent of all personal journeys in Britain and 80 per cent of freight loads go by road - more than anywhere else in Europe. Road traffic has increased sixfold over the past 40 years and is likely to double again in the next 20. And reducing demand by price whether it be raising taxes on fuel. banning cars from city centres, or introducing charges for motorway use - runs into sharp opposition.

The problem for the Tories is that having downplayed or downgraded public transport for so long, they cannot easily now turn against private motoring as there is little alternative. The failure to invest in rail has been so great, especially in the London Underground, that privatisation was seen as the only way to get money for the urgently needed infrastructure upgrade. But the benefits are yet to flow, and will hardly affect road traffic. The pressing environmental credentials, are trying to revive

cycling and even walking - but though popular, such gestures are marginal to getting Britain moving

Labour, traditionally the champion of public provision, is caught on another dilemma: cost. It opposes rail privatisation but cannot afford to buy back a national system and knows that Treasury constraints will never allow rail to become an attractive alternative to road. The Underground presents a classic problem: privatisation is anathema, but higher taxes have been ruled out and private finance initiatives - now finding favour with Labour - will not be enough to revamp a dilapidated system.

Labour also suffers from lack of political attention to transport. It. 100, has run through its spokesmen rapidly, Andrew Smith, who re-

cently succeeded Clare Short, has vet to establish his authority. Glenda Jackson, part of the transport team, is better known but is: shrill and reactive. The party that made much of its opposition to rail privatisation lacks consistency in formulating an alternative. It has also failed to make an impression on another issue where Tory idealogy has brought disaster: bus deregulation. The impression has been given that the running has been left to road protesters. Save Our Railways and environmentalists. In a recent poll of 1,000 people, per cent recognised the road protester known as Swampy. 3 per cent recognised Sir George Young and not one person could identify Andrew Smith.

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# Tory years of neglect have taken a heavy toll

would concede that Britain's transport is poor. Britain has some of Europe's most congested roads, expensive public transport and most dilapidated road and rail infrastructure. Traffic speeds in big cities are hardly faster than in Victorian times. London's promoters see poor transport in the capital as the single factor most damaging to its attempt to win global business.

Unlike continental Europe. especially France. Britain has spent little on its transport infrastructure over the past 18 years. The Tory campaign literature promises record spending of £14.1 billion during the next three years, but e record is less impressive. Urban transport systems, especially, have been allowed to run down. The London Underground, the first and once the finest in the world, has been starved of funds and is now in a sorry state, with a backlog of urgent repairs costing more than El billion. Local councils, faced with competing demands and the capping of their budgets, have been unable to put money into transport systems. Bus services have been deregulated, often with chaotic results so that popular routes are served by three or four competing companies while rural areas are abandoned.

Transport policy has been dominated by two issues since 1992: road building and rail privatisation. But also generating excitement and alarm have been the building of the Channel Tunnel — the greatest engineering project in Europe since the Second World War — and the safety of roll-on, roll-off ferries.

Conservative road philosophy has been based on the principle of "predict and provide". Traffic growth was seen as inexorable and wider car ownership as a desirable goal. and the Government saw its task as managing the increase by extending and improving the road network. The Tories claim that since 1979 the Government has spent more

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than £26 billion on motorways and trunk roads, completing more than 400 schemes to improve national roads and building or upgrading 1,300 miles of trunk road. A further £351 million has been spent on traffic management.

The figures are impressive. but the results are not. The Government has, at long last. now admitted what seemed obvious to many: as soon as roads are built they fill up with traffic. The M25 around London, completed in the mid-1980s, is now Britain's busiest motorway. And the faster road connections become, the more industry will use "just in time" delivery to save warehouse charges. As a result, roads now account for 91 per cent of freight delivery. And with the increase in axle weights to 38 tonnes and, soon, to 40 tonnes, the strain on the road system is growing. There are fewer lorries on the roads than 20 years ago, but they demand more space, do more damage and cause more distress to residents than the smaller vans and trucks.

The bill for repairing crumbling and crowded motorways will rise rapidly. The Government therefore has proposed an electronic toll system, finally accepting the principle of road charging. Trials on the M3 have not begun as the complicated technology - essential in a country too crowded to allow toll booths at motorway entrances - needs further laboratory testing. The principle is deeply unpopular and the scheme has been delayed indefinitely.

A more radical change came with the acceptance by the Government of limits on road building. The turning point was the protracted battle over the Twyford Down road to link the motorways around Southampton. Electorally, this decision - popular with the Treasury - was eased by the growing power of the environmental lobby. The Conservatives insist they are not "anti-



Richard Branson's Virgin Group, which is part of the consortium running Eurostar, has become one of the big private train operators, with control of CrossCountry Trains and the franchise for the West Coast main line

car"; but in the 1996 Budge they cancelled 110 road schemes, allowing only 114 to go ahead. Nevertheless, even existing road schemes are now arousing furious opposition. The most controversial was the Newbury bypass, and the eviction of protesters from trees and tunnels along the route cost millions of pounds.

Since the 1992 election the Transport Department has been preoccupied with rail privatisation. Dismissed by the late Robert Adley as a "poil tax on wheels" this has proved more controversial, costly and complex than anyone predicted. It has run into the furious opposition not only of Labour and the Left, but of environmentalists, railway supporters, passengers and many Conservatives. Having taken the basic and controversial decision to separate responsibility for track and infrastructure from train operations, the Government proposed the franchising of 25 routes to private companies for fixed terms. All rolling stock was to be turned over to three privatised leasing companies, and Railtrack, responsible for the network and the main

stations, was to be privatised. This system involved a massive new bureaucracy to franchise the services, regulate salety, protect passenger interests and ensure that the new system penalised bad performance and encouraged competition. All links were to be governed by contracts and legal agreements. The Government set minimum service obligations, capped fares to no higher than inflation until beyond 2000, protected through-ticketing and tried to co-ordinate timetabling.

At almost every stage in the setting up of the new machinery, bureaucracy and confusion led to horror stories. Law suits were filed to hinder the franchising operations. There were delays and initial lack of interest by potential operators. The Government was forced into a drastic writing down of the notional value of Railtrack in an effort to speed up its flotation, while retreating from the high level of access charges initially proposed.

Shares soared, leading to complaints that the company. sold for £1.9 billion, had been undervalued. Another row followed the sale of Porterbrook and Eversholt, two of the three leasing companies, which yielded huge profits to the management buy-outs. Privatisation of the Train

Operating Units began slowand was marred when one of the first three planned transfers — to a management buy-out by the London, Til-bury and Southend railway had to be cancelled at the last minute because of accusations of charging irregularities.

However, the leasing contracts quickly picked up in 1995, and some of the bigger bus and transport consortiums began winning bids that brought confidence to the market. One of the last to be franchised was the largest, the West Coast main line, which was delayed because of the need for huge investment in upgrading the line and in new tilting rolling stock. It was won - to the Government's relief - by Richard Branson's

Virgin Group, adding to the

group's control of CrossCountry Trains and its big stake in the consortium franchised to build the high-speed channel link and operate the Eurostar service. Virgin has emerged as one of the big train operators in Britain, with the bus operator National Express. Privatisation is now virtually complete, with noticeable

improvements in service on some lines. However, South West Trains, the first franchise owned by Stagecoach, caused intense annoyance by laving off so many drivers that at first it had to cancel 70 trains a day, to the fury of passengers and at a cost of a large daily fine.

Rail also dominated the transport agenda with the opening of the Channel Tun-nel on May 6, 1994. Car shuttles to Calais and through services to Paris and Brussels built up quickly, and within a

vear the tunnel was carrying almost half the passengers to France. The Tunnel suffered a disastrous fire last November, which caused severe damage. No one was killed, and most safety systems worked. But public confidence was shaken and tunnel traffic disrupted, and the repairs are scheduled

to take up to six months. Sir George Young has tried to encourage environmentally friendly transport policies. and is a keen supporter of cycling. This received a big boost when the Millennium Fund announced a £40 million grant for a network of cycle paths. Local authorities have also been encouraged to provides cycle lanes in towns.

The Government's record on transport has been one of neglect, believing that other issues were more important But the media focus on "road rage", the confusion over changes in rail provision and the growing conflict between the demand for better transport and protection of the environment have all increased the attention of the voters - and the Government. A new government is likely to appoint a Transport Secretary who lasts longer and is more committed to the challenge than the previous 11 incumbents.

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#### THE POLITICIANS

■ SIR GEORGE YOUNG

Age: 55 Education: Eton Oxford.

Family: married, two sons and two daughters Experience: MP for Ealing Acton since 1974 and Transport Secretary since July 1995. Long-standing ally of John Major since working with him as Lambeth coun-

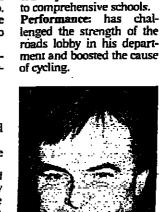
cillor in early 1970s. Opposi-tion whip, 1976-79. Junior ministerial jobs at Health and Environment: sacked by Margaret Thatcher 1986. Recalled to Whips' Office 1990. Financial Secretary to the Treasury 1994-95. Politics: left-of-centre moderate, strong green inter-

■ ANDREW SMITH

Education: Reading School and Oxford.

Family: married. one stepson. Experience: MP for Oxford East since 1987 and Shadow Transport Secretary since July 1996. Higher education spokesman 1988-92; Shadow Treasury Minister 1992-94; Shadow Chief Secretary

Polities: technocrat with strong academic credentials and commitment to racial equality. A keen cyclist. Performance: quick rise in the party; moved from Treasury job to give realistic financial basis to transport



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policy, especially commitment to restore publich owned and accountable railway. Sober\_approach has won confidence of transport executives but generated few headlines.

#### WHAT THEY SAID

This is a momentous day for the railways and I hope that, in years to come, people will look back on today as the turning point — the point at which the renaissance of the railways

Sir George Young, Feb 1998, after the first rail franchise

The potential of these companies under private-sector management is substantial. At the moment, rail secounts for about 5 per cant of passenger miles, which is amazingly low. Richard Hannah, transport analyst at UBS

We need to change the culture so it isn't unusual to have a Secretary of State who goes around on a bicycle. Sir George Young, July 1996

You should never underesti-mate George's green instincts but there is little enthusiasm for giving them free rein at this stage of the electoral cycle. DoT official, April 1996

For motorists approaching the capital from the West, you may as well put up a sign saying: "Go home, London closed." RAC spokesman after closure of Hammersmith

l reassert Labour's commitm to a publicly owned, publicly accountable railway.

Andrew Smith. Shadow Transport Secretary Our pledge is to turn this into the best railway in Europe. Richard Branson, winner of

West Coast franchise, Feb 1997

#### THE FACTS

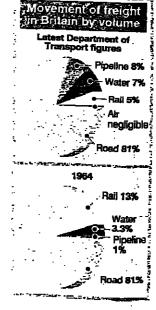
☐ Over the past 30 years the weight of goods carried in Britain has averaged just under 2 billion tonnes a year. About 80 per cent goes by road — roughly the same as in 1964 — but the percentage going by rail has halved to 5 per cent. Pipeline and water-borne freight has increased to 13 per cent. ☐ Total road traffic is 40

per cent higher than in 1983. Personal travel has gone up by 46 per cent since 1979. International air travel has more than doubled and sea travel has grown by 74 per

☐ Britain has the fewest road accidents per head in the European Union almost five times fewer than Portugal. In 1995 there were fewer deaths than in any year since 1926, although there are now 14 times as many vehicles on the roads.

☐ Road congestion now costs £19 billion a year; by 2005 a third of the motorway and trunk road network will suffer chronic

Since deregulation began more than ten years ago, the number of bus passenger journeys per year outside



cent, from 4.5 billion to 3.2 billion.

☐ Rail privatisation has cost £450 million in fees for consultants, lawyers and accountants.

☐ London Underground's investment backlog, £2 bil-lion in 1991, reduced to £1.2 billion in February this year. Train kilometres will rise to 58.75 million this year, with a further 10 per London has fallen by 29 per cent increase in 1997-98.

#### **CONSERVATIVES**



Rail privatisation: main plank of manifesto. Party will trumpet results expected to flow soon from better services, falling subsidies and increased investment. Tube privatisation to be pushed forward though form of the sell-off still undecided.

Road building: no new road building apart from motorway and trunk road upgrading and bypass schemes already approved. Money focused on improving network, with better traffic flows and measures to ease congestion.

Motorway tolls: possible attempt to pursue scheme, delayed before election, using electronic monitoring. Unlikely to be introduced in next Parliament.

Environment: to have greater emphasis. Cycling to be encouraged in cities. More weight given to regional and local views. Panel of experts to examine links between traffic growth, transport investment and economic growth.

Public transport: shift to better provision, with encouragement of new urban tram networks, bus provision and rail projects such as Thameslink 2000 and Channel Tunnel Rail Link. Little public money available, however, and funds to come from privatisation or private finance initiatives.

#### **LABOUR**



Rail privatisation: commitment to take rail back into public sector virtually dropped. Now insisting on Strategic Rail Authority to maximise network benefits and tougher powers of regulator. Train operating leases to continue. Opposed to privatisation of London Underground, but eager to get private money for infrastructure improvements.

Road building: has no commitment to increase road building except small-scale links after exhaustive local

Motorway tolls: opposed but considering allowing councils the power to impose charges on local roads.

Environment: main plank of Labour transport policy. Big emphasis on cycling, pedestrian provision and environmentally clean transport. Buses to be encouraged and new regulatory framework introduced. More local consultation on environmental priorities and land use.

Public transport: this is a Labour priority, with private investment to be encouraged. But the party is keen to play down its anti-car reputation. More integration of rail and

#### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Rail privatisation: controlling interest to be reacquired in Railtrack, but it is not clear where the money for this would be found: a national rail authority would be set up to implement overall policy in rail sector. Public funds to be used to support local rail network through local

Road building: opposed to all new road building except repairs to the present network. Car use is to be discouraged, especially for short journeys.

Motorway tolls: unclear.

Environment: strong emphasis on reducing private motoring with higher fuel and vehicle excise taxes and taxation of company-financed motoring. Tougher controls on polluting vehicles. Tax burden to be on vehicle ownership, not usage, and aim is to reduce need for travel Cycling and walking to be encouraged.

Public transport: main plank of policy. Integrated transport systems to be developed, and ten-year plan on investment priorities, with private finance to be sought to boost rail systems, bus travel and moving freight off the

Worm bait

banned in

effort to

protect

salmon

By A STAFF REPORTER ANGLERS have been banned from using worms as bait for salmon on one of Scotland's most famous rivers. The rule, along a 50-mile stretch of the Tweed, is aimed at conserving

Scientists have recommend-

ed the fly-only rule to reduce rod catches - currently

around 10,000 salmon a year

summer water levels, when

the fish often prefer to go for a

worm. The move will delight

purists, who regard any lure other than a fly as

particularly during low

fish stocks.

unthinkable.

## Two rounds winged past him, missing by inches,' corporal claims in his memoirs

# SAS soldier 'fired live bullets past Duke's ear'

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN SAS soldier fired live images of terrorists projected ammunition over the heads of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, with two shots missing the Duke's head "by inches", he claimed yesterday.

Steve Devereux, a corporal in the elite regiment, says in his memoirs that he sent the bullets whistling past the Duke's right ear as he shot at



Duke: he gave soldier one hell of a look"

on to a screen in front of the royal party. The rounds winged past the right-hand side of the Duke's head, missing by inches. He didn't bat an eyelid. I knew it was a tight shot, but I made the decision

to fire anyway."
He added that, as the Duke who was wearing ear defenders - left the training room, "he gave me one hell of a vacant look. His right ear must have been buzzing."

He tells the story of the incident, which occurred during a hostage-release demonstration at the regiment's barracks in Hereford, in his memoirs, Terminal Velocity. Mr Devereux, who spent six years with the SAS, is the latest special forces veteran to defy a Ministry of Defence ban on memoirs. He will now join a growing list of former SAS men barred from regi-

mental functions as a result. Mr Devereux, 37, who left



Steve Devereux on operations with the SAS in Oman. His book, Terminal Velocity, describes a hostage-release demonstration before the Queen

the regiment in 1988, said the Queen and the Duke were asked to sit down in a mock-up train carriage. The Queen sat on the right of the aisle, with the Duke on the left in a frontrow seat.

In front of them was a large screen on which terrorists and hostages appeared at random. projected via a series of slides. Corporal Devereux's task was to shoot the terrorists in the

head on the screen. "When the fourth slide came

up it half covered the Duke's Heckler & Koch close-quarter back and head. He was sitting anti-terrorist rifle. He said: "I upright ... Lucky for me, I was standing 15 to 20ft behind spotted the terrorist just off to the Queen and the Duke of the right of the Duke's head. It Edinburgh, firing over their was close but I fired two heads at the screen. For the rounds and hit the terrorist." first three slides, the terrorists His commanding officer came came up away from them, but over to him and said: "Very the fourth one was slightly good shooting ... but take it a bit easy, I don't want the Duke

obscured by the Duke. The rifle is incredibly accurate." He added: "It may sound extraordinary to fire live bullets over the head of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, but

that was the sort of thing I was trained for. The regiment really is the best in the world."

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His book was seen in advance by the MoD after discussions with the publishers, Smyth Gryphon, but it has taken no steps to prevent publication in a week's time, even though army chiefs are furious about the number of former special forces' soldiers

bringing out books. An MoD official said Mr Devereux would be banned premises or official functions, to prevent him from picking up new information for any future book. Mr Devereux said yesterday that he was planning a second book.

for security consultants, dis-missed the MoD's concerns. but I wouldn't write anything that would be against the interests of my old mates in the regiment," he said.

The ban affects beats run by landowners including the Duke of Roxburghe, the Duke of Sutherland, Earl Haig and the Earl of Portarlington. The best beats - fishing rights to a section of river - can comfrom any special forces mand up to £800 per week. Under the code of conduct introduced by the Tweed Commissioners, salmon beat owners and ghillies have been forbidden from using worms from the junction of the Tweed

Mr Devereux, now working The MoD likes to be a nanny,

same reason. Joyce Nicol, clerk to the commissioners, said: "There was previously a gentlemen's agreement that worms could be used as a last resort perhaps if someone had not caught a fish throughout an expensive day and particularwanted to go home with one. It placed some boatmen in a difficult situation if a client insisted on using a worm. We were concerned that they were being used too widely. Now we have a firm rule and boatmen will be able to refuse without offending." The Association of Scottish

with the Ettrick to its mouth at

Berwick, Prawns were banned

as bait three years ago for the

District Salmon Fishery Boards backed the move. A spokesman said: "Worms have always been used for trout fishing by small boys, but most active and proper fisherman would denigrate their use for salmon.

## rgan row threatens royal patronage of Balmoral church

Mr Devereux confirmed

esterday that the bullets were

live ammunition from his

slotted [killed], OK?"

By Dominic Kennedy

THE departure of an organist from Crathie Kirk, where the Queen worships while at Balmoral, has dismayed parishioners who fear that it will cause the Royal Family to end a century of worshipping

The Kirk Session, the elders who manage the affairs of Anglican churches in Scotland, asked Charles Taylor to resign after 15 years in charge of music at the little hilltop chapel, less than a mile from Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire. The Princess Royal's wedding to Captain Timothy Laurence was held there.

At the heart of the dispute is a 19th-century wind organ donated by Queen Victoria, which needs a £150,000 restoration. Some parishioners fear that the new royal chaplain. Robert Sloan, who is regarded as a modernist, would prefer a new instrument, from America, instead of spending so much improving the old one.

According to one of the wilder rumours, the Queen has asked Balmoral staff to look at refurbishing a rarely used chapel on the estate grounds as an alternative to

Crathie. There are dark tales that this is not the first clash between the Royal Family and Mr Sloan, who was appointed domestic chaplain to the Queen last October. Mr Sloan yesterday described the

allegations against him as "very serious" and "100 per cent wrong". Mr Taylor, who lives in the village of Torphins, issued a statement through his solicitors. It read: "Mr Taylor has been organist and choirmaster at Crathie since 1982. He has given consistent, loyal service to the church. Recently he has become unhappy about the manner in which the future of the

organ has been handled. "The organ was a gift to the church from Queen Victoria and was by the great organ-builder Father Willis. Mr Taylor has expressed his dissatisfaction to the Kirk Session. They have asked him to resign despite his long service. They have given no

A new organist played at yesterday's service, which was attended by 70 worshippers, one of whom had heard that the Queen was considering reopening an old chapel at Balmoral now doing duty as a furniture store. It could be dusted down and used, he said. "It would

need refurbishment, but it would not take more than a couple of

Mr Sloan was not at all worried. The Kirk Session appoints organists and dismisses them. I know nothing about the reasons behind the decision. As far as I know, nothing has been decided over what is to be done about the organ. That decision is months away," he said.

Mr Sloan, from Perth, replaced Keith Angus, regarded as a traditionalist, when he retired.

Buckingham Palace dismissed any suggestion of a rift with the church. "I am not going to get

dragged into tittle-tattle and speculation," said a spokeswoman.

The foundation stone for Crathie Kirk was laid by Queen Victoria in 1893 and it was dedicated in her presence two years later. Her descendants have a private transept built of granite and wood from the old Caledonian Forest in Balmoral. ☐ The Prince of Wales attended church in Sandringham yesterday with friends from the worlds of the church and the theatre, including the actors Barry Humphries and Jane Lapotaire and Lady Harrod. president of the Norfolk Churches Trust, of which the Prince is patron.



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### Minister warns Howard over ID card Bill

POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL HOWARD has been warned that his plans to bring in voluntary identity cards, expected to be one of the central proposals of the Conservative election manifesto, will face serious trouble in the House of Lords,

Viscount Cranborne, the Leader of the Lords, who is to be based at Downing Street during the general election campaign as part of John Major's team. has told the Home Secretary that his draft Bill on ID cards might be seen as no more than a "skeleton measure", with the main powers to be granted later on by regulations rather than primary legislation.

A leaked letter from

Lord Cranborne to Mr Howard, seen by The Times, says that he and the Conservative Chief Whip in the Lords, Lord Strathclyde, "thought it best to warn you at this early stage that we envisage that there will be trouble if a Bill such as this were to come before the House of Lords". Mr Major promised in the Queen's Speech that Mr Howard would be publishing a draft Bill during this Parliament. It was not intended to become law at this time, but was meant to show the Government's determination to legislate if it won the election. The imminence of the election now makes it unlikely that Mr Howard will be able to

publish his BilL Lord Cranborne's letter suggests that the main objection would be that Mr Howard's proposal was for an "enabling measure" with significant matters such as tests of residence and the fees left for later regulation.

## Watchdog proposes new law on corruption

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

down on bribery and corruption in public life will be proposed by the Law Com-mission this week in part of a two-pronged attack on

The commission, chaired by Dame Mary Arden, a High Court judge, is expected to propose a new single offence of corruption, which would make it easier to prosecute public officials. It will also invite views on whether the police should have greater investigative powers, similar to those of the Serious Fraud Office, to tackle alleged offences of corruption.

In a second offensive, the Home Office is preparing a paper, expected to be pub-lished shortly, which will propose a clarification of the common and statute laws on bribery of MPs. One likely option is to extend the scope of the present law so that it includes MPs. The offer or receipt of a gift which was for example, because it was intended to influence - would then be a criminal offence.

But the recommendation would be controversial because it would extend the



Lord Nolan, who led the committee set up in 1994

TOUGHER laws to crack jurisdiction of the courts over MPs. The attack on sleaze and corruption in public life comes in response to recommendations of Lord Nolan, who chaired the committee on standards in public life established

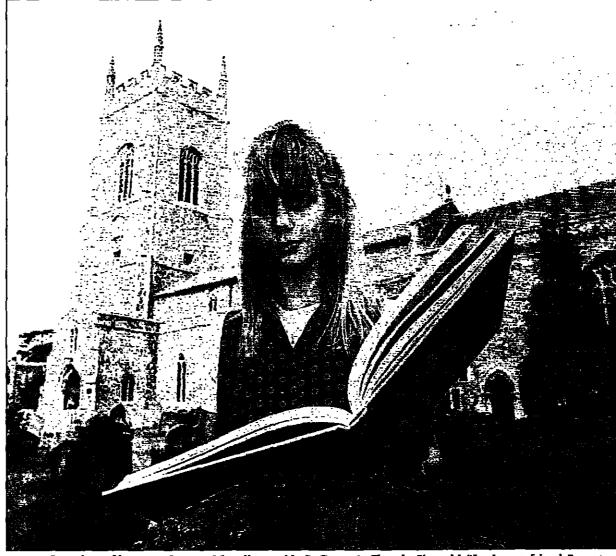
> The Law Commission is to publish a consultation paper on Tuesday aimed at making clear which public servants are covered by the corruption laws, and strengthening the laws themselves. The commission, which reports to the Government, was set up in 1965 to study law reform.

> The proposals are likely to command support. Lord Nolan said yesterday: "I welcome the valuable work that has been undertaken by the Law Commission with a view to producing a much-needed clarification of the law in this important area."

Where brittery or corruption goes on, the perpetrators often escape prosecution because the laws on bribery and corruption are muddled and scattered in at least II statutes going back to 1551.

The extent of bribery and corruption is unknown. It is to some extent a "hidden" crime, in that the victims are not immediately apparent. A second problem is that it is not clear who is covered by the laws, a problem made worse with the growth of governmental bodies such as Next Steps agencies. The status of officials within those agencies needs to be defined.

The current law, according to the commission, draws a distinction between public bodies and other bodies, which presents difficulties in the context of privatised industries, in which officials can more easily escape prosecution than those in the private



In a class of her own: Leanne Mawditt outside St George's Church. She said: "I miss my friends"

# I'm lonely, says Sunday school girl after 'happy clappy' exodus

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged ten is the only child left at a traditional Sunday school after the others left for a charismatic alternative. Leanne Mawditt said: "I didn't want to go because they do a lot of dancing and falling over and that scared me."

Now the solitary pupil has appealed for others to join her because she is bored and lonely reading books about Jesus without even a teacher to guide her, following a split in the congregation at her village church. A dozen other children once attended the religious teaching on Sunday mornings at St George's in Saham Toney, Norfolk.

Villagers who prefer evangelical wor-ship left the 14th-century church six months ago to attend charismatic "happy clappy" services at the nearby Ashill

community centre. The exodus included the two Sunday School organisers and all parents with children at the church, apart from Leanne's family.

She has written an article headlined The Lost Sunday School in her village magazine, The Saham Saga, saying: "I want to stay at St George's because I prefer it, but I miss my friends. I wish some would come back or maybe other children who don't go to church at the moment could come along. It is getting to the stage where if I cannot get anyone else, I will not come any more.'

She sits in a first-floor room during morning services and has company only when her 14-year-old sister, Sarah Jane, is on holiday from boarding school. Her stepfather, Donald, is church warden. Her mother, Brenda, 42, said: "Writing in the magazine was her idea. I hope other children decide to keep her company." The rector, the Rev Martin Down, 56, ministers to both congregations with the help of a non-stipendiary priest and lay preachers. He said: "I know Leanne is on her own, but she is welcome at the Sunday school at the community centre. It is bigger and more fun. I don't really think she would be frightened if she

came and saw for herself. Mr Down introduced charismatic services at St George's and the neighbouring St Nicholas's in Ashill after moving to the parishes eight years ago. Last year he upset traditional worshippers with plans to remove Victorian oak pews from one side of St Nicholas's to allow worshippers more space to dance. The opposition led to his dropping the idea and holding charismatic services at the community centre instead.

#### SHEET SHEET SHEET

#### **Boy falls** to death from cliff

A boy aged ten fell to his death from a 140ft cliff at Seaford. East Sussex. His sister, 12, who was helping him to walk the family dog, was treated in hospital for shock.

Gemma Underdown was talking to friends who went with them and did not notice James at the edge of Seaford, Head. He apparently lost his footing as he peered over.

#### Lonely end

A woman's body lay undiscovered in her Manchester flat for seven months after she apparently killed herself by putting a plastic bag over her head. Lorna Goldsworthy, 60, left a note saying: "I have no one to love - no one cares about me

#### Youth drink line

A helpline has been launched for children who need help about their drinking, or that of their parents or friends. Drinkline Youth offers counsellors on 0345 320202 (Mon-Fri, liam-lipm) and recorded information on 0990 143275.

#### Chance to shine

Britain will be represented in the Eurovision Song Contest by Katrina and the Waves. singing Love Shine a Light. The group polled 69,834 public votes on BBCl's National Lottery Live programme. The contest is in Dublin on May 3.

#### Rider killed

A woman found with fatal head injuries in a field is believed to have been trampled by her horse. Helen Barlow, 35, died shortly after being discovered by a farmer's wife in the field near Nantwich, Cheshire.

#### Catch of the day

A bride left her reception to attend a Birds Eye job interview, dressed in her white gown. Jennifer Minns, 25, of Hull, had been unable to change the interview date. She is waiting to hear if she has the

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## Happy ending as a ghost writer returns in spirit

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

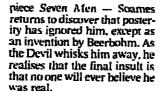
SCHOLARS are preparing to assemble at the Reading Room of the British Library to provide a happy ending to the story of an 1890s poet who made a pact with the Devil to a hundred years

They are planning displays about the life and work of Ennch Soames and lectures on his modern influences, which are especially impressive as he never existed. He was the poignant hero of a short story about a man dismissed as third-rate by his contemporaries but convinced that he would be reengnised by future generations.

Under the terms of his pact with the Devil, he was allowed five hours in the Reading Room on June 3, 1997, to look himself up in encyclopaedias and dictionaries where he expected he would discover his place in posterity.

published in his 1916 master-

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Now fans of the story plan to honour Soames. The antiquarian bookseller Edward Maggs, who is co-ordinating the event, said: "We are giving Soames something to feel good about." If all goes to plan, Soames will feel as important as he always hoped to be. Tentative plans for June 3

include a series of spoof lectures. Sir Stephen Tunum, the former Chief Inspector of Prisons and a Beerbohm (an, will chair discussions on topics as diverse as "The Influence of Soames's Writing in Maoist China" and "Soames and the New Woman, a Post-Feminist Analysis". A proposed display In the short story Enoch
Soames, by Max Beerbohm — of Soamesiana may feature books which Soames never wrote and portraits which a

from a bookseller. The British Library emphasised that negotiations were at an early stage. It has been receiving calls from Soames fans wondering about any special celebrations. For practical reasons, the event is unlikely to involve the general

leading artist of his day never

pact, he expected to see "pages

and pages in the catalogue:

'Soames, Enoch' endlessly -

endless editions, commentar-

ies". Explaining to Beerbohm

why he had to visit the next

century, he said: "Posterity!

What use is it to me? A dead

man doesn't know that people

are visiting his grave - visit-

ing his birthplace - putting

up tablets to him - unveiling

By bringing real-life charac-

ters into the story. Beerbohm

(1872-1956) made Soames all

the more believable. A leading

bibliographer and book collec-

tor, Mark Samuels Lasner,

who regards this tale as one of

the greatest short stories in

British literature, managed to

dupe the literary world with a

fake copy of Soames's non-existent book, Fungoids. In

1989, several academic Ameri-

can libraries tried to buy it

statues of him."

When Soames made his

Soames, whose tragic story speaks to mere mortals everywhere, would have been humbled by the attention. As the Devil takes him away, he tells Beerbohm: "Try to make them know that I did exist."



By VALERIE ELLIOTT WILITEHALL, EDITOR

A COLLECTION of treasures from 900 years of history may be transformed into a popular cultural landmark if a bid for lottery funding is successful next month.

The Domesday Book, Shakespeare's will and the log of Captain Bligh's Bounty are among the documents held by the Public Record Office, where proposals to create a new museum at its site in Kew. southwest London, are being considered by the Cabi-

"In the 19th century the Public Record Office was the strongbox of the Empire, but this place should be the palace of the people. What we have here is 900 years of people's history." Sarah Tyacke, the Keeper, said.

At present it attracts about 150,000 visitors a year, mostly historians, academics and ge-nealogists, but many people do not know where the office is, or what is held there.

Last year, when the Ministry of Defence released the personal records of First World War servicemen. War servicemen, streams of visitors turned up to locate and copy the papers of their relatives. Mrs Tyacke said: "I think all of us here have been struck by the strength of feeling about the soldiers' documents. We also realised we were reaching out to new people.

There are also areas that most people don't even know we have - for example, half a million wallpaper and fabric Leading article, page 21 designs from the 19th-century



An illuminated page from a 15th-century manuscript held in the archives at Kew

Trade Design Register," she

A programme for schools is being drawn up to enable pupils to study periods linked to the national curriculum. The office also wants to put

more records on the Internet. About 8,000 people a month are already contacting the office's Web site and staff believe there is scope for considerable expansion.

museum design consultant, said: "What they really have to do is make the office public. It may be called public at present, but I think most people would think it more a

## museum mixes pain and pleasure By PAUL WILKINSON

Medical

BRITAIN'S first medical museum, illustrating the sci-ence's primitive beginnings and great advances, opens next week. The Thackray Museum, in a former workhouse in the grounds of St James's Hospital in Leeds, was set up at a cost of £5 million, including a £3 million grant from the National Lottery fund. The listed building contains Europe's largest display on medi-

cine and health.

Mike Cooper, the museum's chief executive, said that there appeared to be an unprecedented public preoccupation with medical matters. Television dramas and documentaries on the subject at-tracted big audiences. "We hope we have reflected some of this popular approach and made the subject interesting

and fun." As well as 25,000 medical objects, the museum houses a huge collection of literature. Displays include interactive computers and the history is sometimes depicted in grue-some detail. There is the chance to "walk round" the human body, and a reconstruction of a typical street of 1840s Britain, illustrating the unsanitary living conditions. There are details of crude

remedies used in the past. A section entitled "Pain, Pus and Blood" shows how the discoveries of anaesthetics, antiseptics, and of how to control blood loss led to today's sophisticated surgery. There is a reconstructed Victorian operating theatre, with a model of a child having an amputation without anaesthetic. In a section on childbirth, men can experience the difficulty of carrying a baby in late pregnancy by trying on an "empathy belly".

The museum is based on the

private collection of Paul Thackray, whose great-grand-father, Charles, founded a firm supplying medical equip-ment and instruments. When the business was sold in 1990, he set up a charitable trust which donated £1.8 million to the setting-up costs. The muse-um will be opened next Monday by Robert Anderson, of the British Museum.

## Comet may have caused ancient city's cataclysmic end

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

Fact and fiction: Lasner and a 1912 Soames sketch

A CITY famed throughout the ancient world may have been destroyed by a meteorite or comet. According to legend, Ubar, in Oman was wiped off the face of the Earth by fire from the sky as God's punishment for its evil ways, in a fate similar to that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

-An American astronomer has concluded that there may be truth in the story. Gerrit Verschuur, a radioastronomer from the University of Memphis, points to the existence near the site of Ubar of impact craters caused by meteorites or comets.

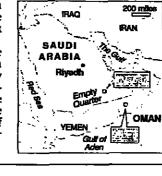
The city, which lay in the Empty Quarter of the Arabian desert, had grown rich by trading in frankincense, which was as precious as gold. Described by Lawrence of Arabia as the Atlantis of the sands, its ruins were discovered in 1992 by an expedition led by Sir Ranulph

Fiennes. The craters were first described more than 50 years ago by St John Philby, the Arabist scholar and father of the spy Kim Philby. In his book The Empty Quarter, published in 1933, Philby described craters at Wabar, some of the most impressive in the world.

Their existence seems to have been neglected by astronomers, perhaps because they are in one of the most inhospitable places in the world. Michael Saba, an American hospital administrator and Middle Eastern enthusiast, has led several expeditions to them. "The largest is about 150 metres across, the second is 80-90 metres and [the third] 12-13 metres," he said. They must have been formed by an object that broke up as it came through the atmosphere."

In 1995 Dr Saba took one of the world's experts on impact craters, Eugene Shoemaker, to see the craters, some 200 miles from Ubar. Dr Shoemaker was the co-discoverer of the cornet Shoemaker-Levy, which collided with Jupiter in 1994. He dated them to about AD 500, about the time that Ubar was destroyed. Dr Verschuur says: "The evidence

that Uhar was wiped out in a cataclysm is very strong. The city walls were blown down and everybody was killed. Putting one and one together suggests to me that the inhabitants of Ubar were victims of the impact that created the Wabar



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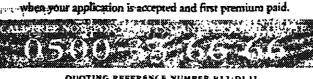
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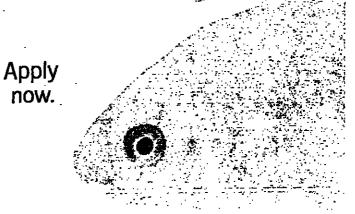
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IN A gesture unprecedented in

the bloody history of the Arab-

Israeli conflict, King Hussein

of Jordan yesterday braved

the fury of Islamic extremists

and visited the homes of the

His harrowing progress through grief-stricken homes

was condemned by a Palestin-

ian spokesman as "an exag-geration" and "superfluous"

and by an Israeli right-wing

group, the Women in Green.

ing of the parents".
It came as the ailing Middle

East peace process was plunged into a new crisis

when Palestinian representa-

tives refused to attend talks on

the final status issues, includ-

ing Jerusalem, that had been

Israel's Army was placed on

red alert in anticipation of

Palestinian mass unrest if

building work starts this week

as planned on the new settle-

ment of Har Homa in occu-

pied east Jerusalem, which

was captured from Jordan in

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, accom-

panied the king as interpreter.

Three thousand Israeli sol-

diers and police officers were

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tion codenamed "Operation

In moving scenes which

amazed many Israelis, the

king, in a suit and traditional

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due to open today.

cynically using the suffer-

Princess Aisha.

"The memory of your daughter will live with me

As rain poured relentlessly

have real peace." Last night, Tzachi Hanegbi, the Israeli Justice Minister,

moves Israelis FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM blankets on the floor during the Jewish seven-day mourning period. Some spoke in Arabic to the king, who brought along two of his children, Prince Faisal and

Jewish families who lost teen-Grief-stricken relations of-fered the Hashemite monarch age daughters in last week's massacre by a Jordanian the biblical welcoming platter of bread and salt and most praised his gesture. Their in the nondescript working chidren, seven girls aged 12 class town of Beit Shemesh and 13, were mown down by a hail of bullets on a piece of border territory known as the Hill of Peace.

> forever. I hope her memory will give you strength," the king told the grieving parents of Sivan Fatihi, 13. His voice close to breaking, the king added: "Your loss is my loss."

> on the Jordanian leader, most ordinary Israelis applauded what one Jerusalem office worker described as "the courage and sincerity" of his visit. which had been hastily coordinated between the Israeli and Jordanian security services. The office worker added as she watched Israel television's coverage of the tour: "If only all the Arab leaders were like Hussein, we would

threatened that Israel would expel Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, from Gaza to the Palestinian diaspora if mass violence occurred in Palestinian areas when work on the The minister also hinted that Mossad agents could assassi-

## French banks kept millions belonging to Holocaust Jews

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

RENCH banks held on to llions of pounds in assets longing to Jews murdered the Holocaust, according to w evidence suggesting that ench bankers profited from Nazi pillage in the same

as Swiss counterparts. rench accounts belonging Jews were blocked on Nazi ermany's orders in 1941, but study ten years later showed at thousands remained unaimed, their owners having rished in Nazi concentrain camps during the Second orld War. Today the acunts are worth at least l billion (£125 million).

Under French law, all acunts inactive for 30 years ust be turned over to the overnment, but according to Monde there is no evidence huge transfers to the state in 1970s when the 30-year riod expired. Instead of rrendering the money, ench banks allegedly took action, allowing the assets "vanish".

These accounts disap-ared without trace, ab-road amid general indifferce by the huge bureaucratic actine of the public and ivae banking network," Le onle said. The report has project a fresh wave of trage in France after the entscandal over unclaimed taken from Jews that mairs in French museums d new evidence that Vichy gime officials seized valules and property from ench lews deported to the ath camps.

Jewish groups claim that Swiss banks hold up to £4 billion in murdered Jews' assets - the banks put the figure nearer £17 million - but the Le Monde allegations are the first to accuse French bankers of similar actions.

More than 76,000 Jews were deported from France. After the war, many frozen accounts were reactivated, either by Holocaust survivors or the families of the victims. However, the 1951 study recorded at least 3,000 accounts still unclaimed at that date.

Le Monde says only one such account has been made over to the French treasury since the 1966 law required panks to surrender inactive accounts. The Bank of France and Crédit Lyonnais, for example, held more than 1,000 unclaimed accounts between them. No trace of those has been found.

#### Neo-Nazis face 'cemetery' court

Marseilles: Four French neo-Nazis go on trial today for a 1990 anti-Semitic graveyard outrage which caused nationwide revulsion and prompted a huge protest march in Paris, led by François Mitterrand. ho was then President. They are accused of unearthing and descerating the recently buried body of Félix Germon in a Jewish cemetery. (Reuter)

The French Banks' Association responded to the report \*French banks respected the law", but it added that individual banks would carry out research into unclaimed accounts. Crédit Lyonnais has already launched such an investigation. However, many banking records have been lost or destroyed in the past 50

years.
Coming two weeks before a government commission begins an investigation into the ate of property confiscated from French Jews, the allegations have led to a fresh bout of soul-searching as France struggles to come to terms with its wartime past.

Zurich: One of Switzer-

land's biggest banks said yesterday that it had offered to compensate a Czech family of Holocaust survivors whose Swiss bank account was closed in 1941 without their approval. It would not disclose the amount offered. Union Bank of Switzerland

(UBS) said its review of the case, unearthed by a Swiss newspaper, found it was impossible to determine what happened to the money, but it would offer compensation as a gesture of goodwill.

Gertrud Erismann, for UBS, said the bank was prepared to do the same thing in other cases if former wartime account holders could make a solid case that wealth they deposited for safekeeping from Hitler had vanished without a trace. (Reuter)



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King Hussein comforts the father of Sivan Fatihi, 13, who was shot last week

## India makes peaceful overtures to Pakistan in bid to end 50-year conflict

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

IDIA will make exceptional rertures to Pakistan this month to rmalise relations after 50 years hostility in which there have en three wars and growing angers of muclear conflict.

It will seek to open cross-border de and ease visa restrictions, hd will offer to begin talks on a ting solution to the Kashmir nflict. It will also propose negoti-

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ations to end a stalemate in the war on the Siachen Glacier in the Himalayas, the world's highest battleground

With an apparently more conciliatory government in office in Pakistan and an Indian determination to improve relations, the prospects for defusing one of the world's most dangerous flashpoints have never been better. The rhetoric of war has abruptly given way to a new language of conciliation in Islamabad and

Delhi, with both sides expressing hope that the two countries home to 20 per cent of the world's population - can agree on a series of measures

They are to restart the tradition regular talks between their foreign secretaries. Agreement on the first round, between March 28 and 31 in Delhi, is a result of the change of government in Pakistan last month, which brought Nawaz Sharif to power. He has frequently asserted the need to end conflict

with India. Delhi will propose the establishment of joint working groups to discuss Kashmir and other sensitive issues. It is apparently prepared to give up its territorial claims over Pakistani Kashmir, and to agree to the 1947 ceasefire line - the line dividing Indian and Pakistani Kashmir becoming a permanent interna-tional border. Islamabad would likewise have to give up its claim to

Indian Kashmir. Delhi is ready to demilitarise the

fight at 20,000ft for control of an uninhabitable and strategically unimportant no man's land, so long as Pakistan agrees a simultaneous withdrawal. The 13-year conflict is probably the world's

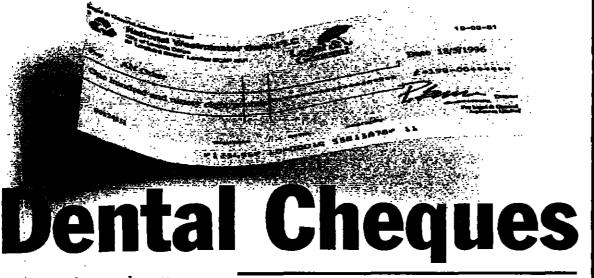
I.K. Gujral, the Indian External Affairs Minister, told The Times: 'It is an ambition of my life that we and Pakistan should sort things out. If concessions are called for on both sides, then both of us should

date." Mr Gujral, 76, has made it a personal mission to normalise relations. He was born in Jhelum and married in Lahore, in what is now Pakistan. "We have emotional feelings for the people of that country. I look at this problem in a very human sense. We should behave decently to each other."

He added that despite war and animosity at a political level, the people of Pakistan and India were not estranged. India had a vested

interest in a peaceful, unified integrated and developing Pakistan, he said. ☐ Islamabad: Gohar Ayub,

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, said a peaceful solution to the Kashmir dispute could allow real friendship to develop with India. "Let's get to the core and then live as good friends," he told reporters. India and Pakistan had "both realised the importance of bilateral discussions if they are to witness a stable future". (Reuter)



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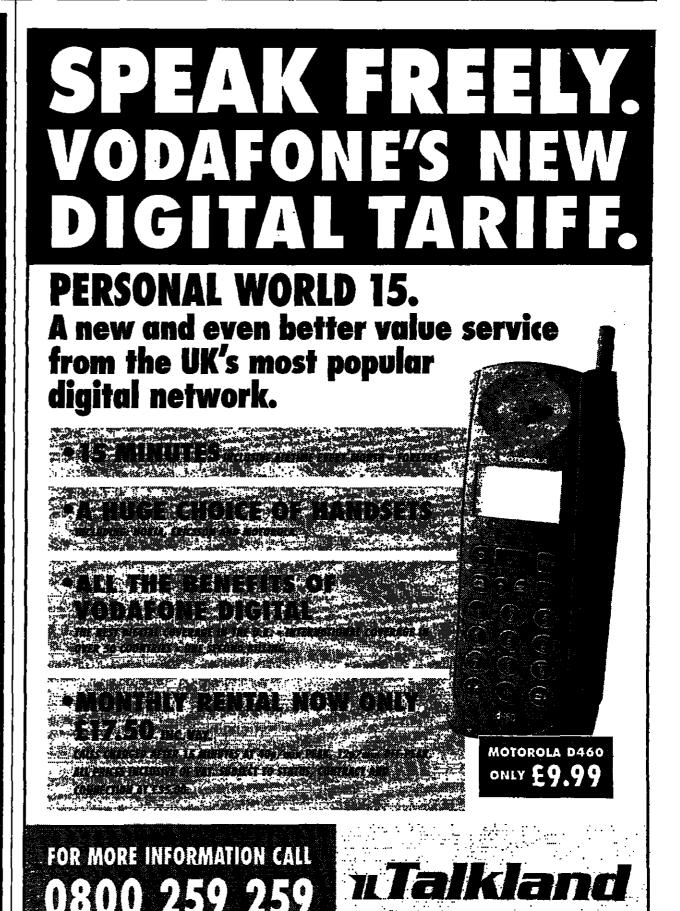
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# Child vandals join the destruction at King Zog's palace

LITTLE was left in the palace each is responsible for today's of the former King Zog yester-day as the orgy of looting that has despoilt the Albanian port of Durres ground to a close. Left to their own devices, a

gang of children systematically smashed the fittings and masonry of one of Albania's finest buildings, shrieking with delight as they sent tons of marble crashing down its elaborate central stairwell.

The Italianate palace, built in the 1930s on an old Roman site, commands a fine view. Neither the king nor his usurper Enver Hoxha would have been amused.

While the Lord of the Flies mayhem continued inside, a crowd of 4,000 would-be boat people thronged the harbour front, pushing a rusting iron launch towards the water. Further south along the beach, 150 Turks queued for dinghies taking them to a waiting frigate. American marines hovered over the churring surf in Cobra helicopters.

Zog, Hoxha, Sali Berisha,

anarchy. A tribal society isolated from the world for half a century and then suddenly catapulted towards capitalism: something had to give. and the scenes in Durres yesterday were the conse-

Police and vigilantes in garish fleece balaclavas had returned a sort of order, and the frenzied shooting and anarchy that prevailed last week was over. But in its place has come a tide of despair: while children and government-hired thugs rule the roost, ordinary people and the few foreigners prepared to invest in Albania

want to get out -- quickly.
"I'm not happy thinking about jumping into a boat or swimming for it, but this is what the Government has done to me," said a six-monthpregnant Etleva Lalaj as she joined the waterfront crowd. The country's heading for Steven. Occasionally, automatic fire provoked a massed

Italy defends delay

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN BRINDISI

ITALY defended yesterday its evacuation on Friday of Brit-ish refugees from the Albanian port of Durres, denying that Italian special forces had deliberately left the Britons to endure a night of terror at the mercy of armed Albanians before coming back to rescue them nearly seven hours later.

Officials said the rescue had been temporarily suspended because of shooting and fog, and had resumed at daylight. "An evacuation is not a picnic." an Italian Foreign Ministry official said. "We carried out the operation to the very best of our ability in extremely difficult

The British Embassy in Rome praised the Italian recue effort. "We asked them

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to get the British out safe and well, and that it what they did," said Keith Broomfield,

the British Minister in Rome. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said it had clearly been a difficult operation, with "large numbers of people milling around on the beach, including many Albanians, some of whom were violent, some of whom were themselves trying to flee". There were only 20 Italian troops at the quay.

Sixty four British evacuees emerged angry and exhausted from the San Giusto. They said they had driven in convoy from the British Embassy in Tirana to Durres, where their cars, including the British Ambassador's Discovery, had been stolen

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"Berisha should be hanged: I'll do it with my own hands," said Kuhtim Alush, a 22-yearold clothing retailer. Many said they had tried to jump on boats in the past, most notably in the 1991 exodus, when 40,000 made the perilous trip to Italy. Many had already been abroad illegally, only to be deported.

Among the prosperous beachfront villas in the government compound, those who had invested in Albania's flawed experiment in market democracy were trying to pick up the pieces. Simona Braci. the district manager of Incat, a British construction and trading firm, pointed out bullet holes in the ceiling, the result of her husband Luli's attempts

to keep out looters last week. Later the raiders stuck guns in his stomach and stole the company lorry. But in comparison to many in the compound they were lucky. Most savagely wrecked was President Berisha's own seafront residence: all that remained in the grass outside were a pair of pink slippers, a German magazine and a broken lavatory seat.

The compound gate is now guarded by a Kalashnikov-carrying youth in a purple ski mask with tassles. Albania's tradition of blood feuds is still very much alive and terrorist disguises are now de rigueur among the new forces of authority. "If they have to shoot anyone, they may have trouble in the future with the victim's families. It's best not to be seen," explained Mrs Braci. "We are quite an ancient society."

As evening drew in two women emerged from King Zog's palace with the last remaining furniture - half a door, ten feet of ornately fluted

"It'll burn nicely," said Hamida, a nearby resident. "These people were all scum."

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Albanians watch a US Marine helicopter take off yesterday near the port of Durres as America continued to evacuate foreign citizens

## War gives Coke taste of the real thing

THE Coca-Cola war at the edge of Tirana is being fought with assault rifles and hand grenades rather than advertisng campaigns.

While American expatriates have all but fled the anarchic Albanian capital, airlifted out in a fleet of Marine helicopters, the factory's smooth Italian director is holding out in Albania's only Coke factory with 20 armed deputies, repelling marauding gangs in a series of gunfights along the

"Why should I leave?" Francesco De Candia, the director, asks coolly inside his office. "It's not war at the moment, just a problem with people who don't know the meaning of democracy or

His efforts to protect the

Anthony Loyd reports from Tirana on the determination of an Italian executive and his helpers to defend their factory

factory rely so far on the loyalty of the Albanian family which owns the site. The heavily-armed Lorcka cousins have organised themselves into a series of patrols and defensive positions, determined to protect the threeyear-old factory - which produces 80 million bottles of Coke a year - and its 40 vehicles from looters.

So far they have had four firefights in 48 hours, holding their ground against the equally well-armed gangs outside. Every few hours a police armoured personnel carrier cruises in to support them. "We trust the police," Signor De Candia says. They are brave boys and they will protect Coca-Cola as it is a symbol in Albania — a symbol of freedom

Yesterday President Berisha vowed to retain his position in the face of insurgent demands to resign. Speaking to the Dutch Ambassador in Tirana, Mr Berisha said he would remain President of Albania at

least until the results of planned elections in June, according to Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign

resigned but he told the Dutch Ambassador in Tirana that he would stand down if his party loses the upcoming elections. Mr van Mierlo said. Tirana's shanered authorities are now further divided

between those whose sympa-

National Reconciliation and others supporting the in-As the capital grapples with lawlessness and rebellion vigilante groups are trying to retake control from the mobs. The defence force at Tirana airport, for example, includes baggage handlers and waiters

and check-in desks. It is ironic that the insurrection, which began to over-

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sponding to a call from the new Minister of Justice on Saturday, hundreds of volunteers have joined isolated police units for a bounty of \$200 dollars (£125) a month plus police pay of a further \$100. They do not have to produce any references but are given a gun and ammunition,

"The President has not vet

thies lie with Mr Berisha, those loyal to the fledgling four-day-old Government of

ions using luggage trolleys

throw Albania's perceived dictatorship, has given rise to even worse repression. Refascists."

and impose their own law at

new dictatorship," said a youth in Lezhe, a small town north of Tirana. "The police can beat you up for offences



Berisha, yesterday: says he will stay on for polls

that once you would be find for. We are fed up wit! the

The arrival of the auxiliaries has stabilied situation in the centre Tirana more through a mate of fear than anyth else, but elsewhere Alban roads resemble scenes from spaghetti western. Childstop travellers to sell th ammunition while rival poforces vie for control!

One northern Titana s urb is held by a group ni named "the Chechen Originally from mountains country in northern Albar birthplace of Mr Berisha. heavily armed men hardcore Berisha loyali: and vow to fight any attento remove him with force.

"If he resigns it's war." c of the group's command said. "We don't care about t protect our President."

On a roadway between ment police and their nev hired gunmen fought w each other after the "volu teers" began beating up 1 driver and passenger of a for no apparent reason. "Ur yesterday they were killer said a young uniformed 1 liceman in disgust. "Now th are killers with a licence."

### Anarchy feeds arms trade in **Balkans**

By James Pettifer

REPORTS yesterday of Kosovo Albanians buying weapons in Durres and Vlore are bound to send chills down regional spines and Albania's neighbours are preparing for the worst. The \$300 package in Durres is for about a dozen AK47s and a vanioad of ammunition.

Controlling small arms transfers in the Balkans is a near-impossibility. Closing borders may help, but not much. In the north, the Dinaric Alps on the Montenegran border are a good barrier and crossings are heavily policed by tough squads of Milosevictrained heavies. But the Buna River, once the frontier of the Ottoman world, let through gallons of diesel despite Uni-

ted Nations sanctions. To the northeast, 90 per cent Albanian-inhabited Kosovo in southeast Serbia is problematic. It seems inevitable that the Kosovo Liberation Army can move supplies on remote paths in the Black Drin valley to their growing guerrilla movement

It is in Macedonia, in the east, that the risk of a wider conflict may be greatest. The 25 per cent Albanian minority live along the border and are dissatisfied with their status. To the south, Greece's prob-

lems concern people, not guns

take in a hurry. Their overwhelming impulse is to seal

- thousands more will swell CCH Old Golf House Hotel the normal refugee flow. The bringers of humanitarian aid face a dilemma. Crossing any Albanian border is not a step a neighbour will

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By Catherine Field in hong kong and Bill Frost

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The decision of families is a personal one and must be a difficult decision, taken in the light of the policies of the re-ceiving countries, a Hong Kong government spokesman said last night. It is not appropriate to be judgmental

By day she works at a shel-tered workshop, packing plastic cutlery into polythene bags. At nights, say her carers, San laments that she misses her mother and hopes she will

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San, and possibly scores like her, are a dark and un-palatable secret of Hong Kong

• Families know if they apply to emigrate with a handicapped child, they will be turned down 🤊

when families are faced with these extreme decisions." One young woman, San, was placed in a home two years ago when her parents left for Canada with her younger brother and sister. The departure, long planned

by her family, was traumatic

for the 21-year-old mentally handicapped young woman.

There are no figures for the numbers left behind in Hong Kong. Hostel staff are not

allowed to disclose details.
"Out of 120 residents here, 12 are from families who have emigrated," says Pong Kwok Boon, director of the Pui Chak Hostel in the New Territories. "Families know if they apply to emigrate with a handi-capped child, then their appli-cation will be turned down." Yin is in her late teens and has lived at Pui Chak for two years. She has mild Down's syndrome; she knows her parents have gone to Canada with her two brothers. In another hostel, not far from Pui Chak, are yet more cases. Bing, 32, lived with her parents until they left for Canada. Staff know virtually nothing about her, except that, when two, she suffered a fever and has been mentally handi-

There have been waves of emigration since the 1984 Sino-British agreement on the colony's return to China. Emigration rose after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Between 1988 and the end of 1995, 434,000 people left Hong Kong, Final figures for 1996 are not yet available, but estimates put them at 90,000. Many return once they have a foreign passport that will

capped since.



San, left, and Yin, left by parents who feared the girls would jeopardise their chances of a new life in Canada

enable them to flee should the handover go badly wrong. Those now seeking to emigrate are the desperate last batch before the July 1 handover: professionals who have been hesitating about leaving or scratching together enough money to do so.

Michael DeGolyer, head of the Transition Project at Hong Kong's Baptist University, says it is easy, and wrong, to demonise those who have handed over a son or daughter. "Most people in Hong Kong assess things on a pragmatic basis. They realise

that emigrating with a dis-abled child would be far worse than leaving them because the whole financial burden would fall directly on them when they are most vulnerable and lack support."

Private hostels cost between E350 and £600 a month. concerned that the family link could weaken and money will no longer be sent. Ivy Kung, of Hong Kong's Society for the Relief of Disabled Children,

## Mobutu delays return as rebels eye Kinshasa

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

ZAIRE'S President Mobutu cancelled plans to return to the country from the South of France yesterday after rebels marched into Kisangani over the weekend and their leader pledged to send his troops to Kinshasa, the capital.

takeover. At least 12 handi-

capped children have been left

in one home, colony authorities confirmed yesterday. One

fx-year-old girl has been made ward of court after her

Many hostels were set up

to cash in on the growing

number needing such accom-

modation, the owners adver-

tising in local Chinese-

language newspapers. Social workers say that scores of young people with disabilities

such as Down's syndrome

and autism have been placed

at hostels so parents can skirt

laws barring would-be emi-

grants with dependants whose

care could be a drain on the

public purse. Their destina-

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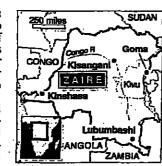
The loss of Zaire's third largest city was seen in Kinshasa as a potentially fatal blow to Mr Mobutu's moribund Government, and spells the end of the rule by Africa's longest-serving dictator.

'It is very unlikely that Mr Mobutu will return home now. A non-government, massive unpopularity and the very real threat that the rebels could turn up in his capital are hardly enticing prospects for a man already fighting cancer," a Western ambassador in Kinshasa said.

Leon Kengo wa Dondo, the Prime Minister, was due to leave for talks in Nairobi expected to return to Kinshasa after he was recently overheard saying that if there capital, he would be the first

to leave. In Kisangani on Friday Serb mercenaries fought government troops they were supposed to be supporting after the Zaireans began fleeing from the rebel

advance. The mercenaries



fled towards the city's second airport where they were res-cued by French commandos who also evacuated about 16 foreign aid workers.

Zairean soldiers leapt into the River Congo to escape after most of the city's cars were stolen by their comrades who fled west Casualties were reported to have been light as the rebels moved into the undefended city.

Laurent Kabila, the rebel ader whose troops took Kipowerful man in Zaire. "We are now thinking of going up to Kinshasa." Mr Kabila said at his base at Goma.

His Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire) continued to advance into the mineral-rich Shaba province and a rebel spokesman said that Lubumbashi, the provincial capital, will be their next target.

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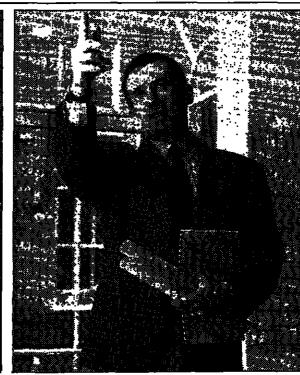
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# Zealous apostle of competition lays down EU law in the marketplace

f the name Karel van Miert rings any bells in Britain, it probably also brings images of European Union inspectors raiding the Football Association or Brussels' threats to block British Airways from joining forces with American Airlines.

Mr van Miert, the Commissioner who polices the rules of competition, was the man behind both of those actions. The London raid, one of several in Europe last year. has confirmed suspicions of abuse in the pricing of match balls and Fifa. the world football body, can expect legal action, officials say. In the BA affair, the usually

amiable Belgian had no qualms about calling Robert Avling, the airline boss, a liar when he dropped into his office in January. His offence had been to suggest that the Commissioner was gunning

THSWEEK

for BA after nodding through rival alliances.

The deceptively mild-looking Commissioner enjoys little favour in Britain, where politicians have charged him with interference or bowing to political pressure to approve bail-outs of dinosaur enterprises in other states. But Mr van Miert, one of the few commissioners with real power, has stirred hostility everywhere in the EU, as he has axed monopolies, resisted mergers and picked fights with governments.

closure of steel mills in Outside Britain, however, French-speaking Wallonia. he is usually branded as the He has just restored some credit by blocking aid to the agent of "Anglo-Saxon" doctrine, an opponent of "social Spanish operations of Re-

Europe who stops govern- nault in retaliation for its abrupt closure of its Belgian ments saving jobs. In France. plant. That action has exwhere he put the squeeze on the Crédit Lyonnais bank and posed him to French charges other testering behemoths, he of Belgian pique.

This week, the grumbling is now under attack for will come from America refusing to approve aid to the when Mr van Miert reaches textile industry. The Gerout to far away Seattle. He is mans have not recovered from his bitter offensive last to launch a full investigation to decide whether the Boeing year to stop them giving state company's £8 billion takover payouts to Volkswagen and of McDonnell Douglas will The farmer's son from hurt the European aerospace Flanders has also become a

> hilip Condit. Boeing's chief, who is under no illusion about Mr van Miert's potential for causing trouble, pleaded his case in

Brussels last week. Mr van Miert, 55, shrugs off the hostility. The universal protest, he says, is a sign of his even-handedness as he umpires the European playing

The zeal of the trust-busting Belgian was an unpleasant surprise for those who were relieved in 1993 when Jacques Delors, then President of the Commission. appointed him to succeed the "ultra-liberal" Sir Leon

As a former leader of the Flemish Socialist Party: he had been expected to take a more "humane" view towards job protection.

you accept the idea that the market economy is the best system, or the least bad, then you have to make sure that it works so that our economics can create jobs."

onte supporters are surprised by the emotion which Mr van Mien applies to his crusade. Erkki Lilkanen, the Finnish commissioner. says: "For a man of the north, he is very Latin.

He gets angry."
British officials, batting for BA say Mr van Miert's emotions are still those of a continental leftist and they detect an old-fashoned aver-

In his defence he says: If sion to the commercial success of BA.

Mr van Miert is confident that he will see off a hig challenge to his fief. This is a drive by Germany to strip the Commission of its powers over competition and hand them to a new agency outside Brussels. Bonn says the Commission should not initiate policy as well as police it.

Mr van Miert dismisses the scheme as wrongheaded. Why add another level of red tape, he argues, for a hody that would probably be more prone to government pres-sure than the Commission?

CHARLES BREMNER

### KGB man opens old sores over atom spies

FROM TOM RHODES

A RETIRED KGB agent reopened an historical sore for the United States yesterday, claiming that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the couple America executed for espionage in 1953, were not directly involved in selling secrets of the atom bomb to Russia.

Aleksandr Feklisov, in separate interviews with American newspapers yesterday. said the couple were unjustly executed after their sensational treason trial. He described as absurd the sentencing judge's assertion that the couple had "altered the course of human history".

However, the former KGB colonel who acted as Julius Rosenberg's controller in New York, said he had handed him dozens of military secrets, including an early 'smart bomb" mechanism.

The deaths of the Rosenbergs have remained one of the most divisive and enduring controversies in modern American history. They went to their deaths insistent that they were the innocent victims of a government conspiracy.

Mr Feklisov, 86. insisted that Ethel Rosenberg had never had any direct contact with Soviet intelligence and that her husband "didn't undertand anything about the atomic bomb and couldn't

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## Europe's workers march on Brussels to defend jobs

From Charles Bremner in brussels

THE pain of the Continent's chronic unemployment spilled on to the streets of Brussels yesterday when tens of thousands marched through the seat of the European Union institutions, turning their wrath on its failure to set limits to the free market for the sake of jobs.

The abrupt closure of Belgium's Renault plant at Vilvoorde was the trigger for what the organisers called the first "pan-European march". attended by union leaders and prominent leftwingers such as Lionel Jospin, chief of the French Socialist party and former presidential candidate. Police said 50,000 people trudged the two miles from Brussels North Station to its South Station, while organisers estimated the figure at

Pride of place was given to a hanging effigy of Louis Schweitzer, the chief of the French car company, who gave the order to dismiss the 3.000 workers of Vilvoorde, turning the suburban plant into a symbol of Europe's anger over unemployment. which is at an average of 12

The slogans and chants of thousands of workers and their families, mainly from

Belgium, France, The Netherlands and Germany, were aimed less at Renault than at the pain inflicted by the rigours of the deregulated market and what is widely seen as the EU's failure to protect its workers.

"Europe equals free movement of unemployment", said one slogan. "No to a Europe of money. For work and Social Europe", said another. Robert Hue, leader of the French Communist Party, said: "Today we are attending the burial of Maastricht."

The 1992 treaty, which sets tough fiscal conditions for union, has become a byword for what the unions and much of the continental public sees as the onset of untrammelled 'Anglo-Saxon" capitalism in

Yesterday's spectacular demonstration followed noisy protests by thousands of striking miners in Bonn and unrest in France and Belgium as unemployment shows no sign The Renault closure, which

boosted the company's shares. shocked politicians in Brussels and across the Continent into pledging tougher action to preserve the "European social model", the jargon for the care". (AP)

labour regulation and welfare system which is gradually unravelling under pressure from the globalised economy. Criticism of Renault focused on the company's failure to give its workers any hint of the

failing shipyards.

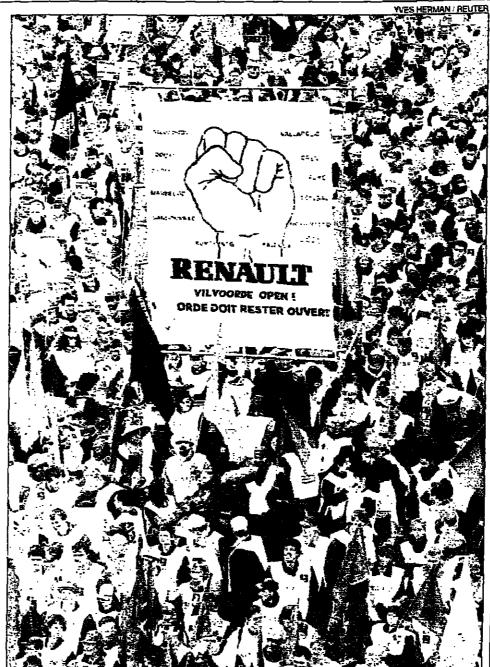
villain at home for forcing the

plant's imminent closure. Meeting in Rotterdam yesterday, the EU's social affairs ministers called for a code of conduct to ensure a period of consultation with workers whenever a business wants to

Some politicians in yesterday's peaceful march sought to distance themselves from the criticism of the EU and Maastricht. M Jospin, whose party was founded by the late President Mitterrand, said: We need a better balance in the European economic and social model. It has gone too far in liberalisation.

Renault sales in Belgium were reported to have dropped 40 per cent since the Vilvoorde affair began two weeks ago.

Paris: Several thousand doctors and striking staff at state-run Paris hospitals marched in protest against new rules limiting the money they spend in their practice. They claim the Government wants them to



Renault workers from France join their Belgian colleagues in Brussels yesterday

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

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preparing to cope with preg-

nancies that started during

"A sailor might become pregnant during a deploy-

ment. That is why the Navy

needs to take these things into

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account." he said.

#### WORLD SUMMARY

#### Knee injury setback for summit

Washington: The injury to President Clinton's right knee has delaved his Heisinki summit meeting with President Yeltsin by a day (Tom Rhodes writes).

The White House said yesterday the delay would allow Mr Clinton more time to recover from his operation last Friday to re-anach the quadriceps tendon he tore at the Florida home of Greg Norman, the golfer. The President will leave Washington on Wednesday and arrive in Finland on Thursday.

#### Bride in refuge

Islamabad: Saima Waheed. 22, the bride who disappeared after winning the Pakistani Supreme Court's sanction for her marriage, is safe in a women's shelter here after seeking refuge, the shelter director said. She vanished after she said she had been threatened by relations angry that she married without her parents' approval. (AP)

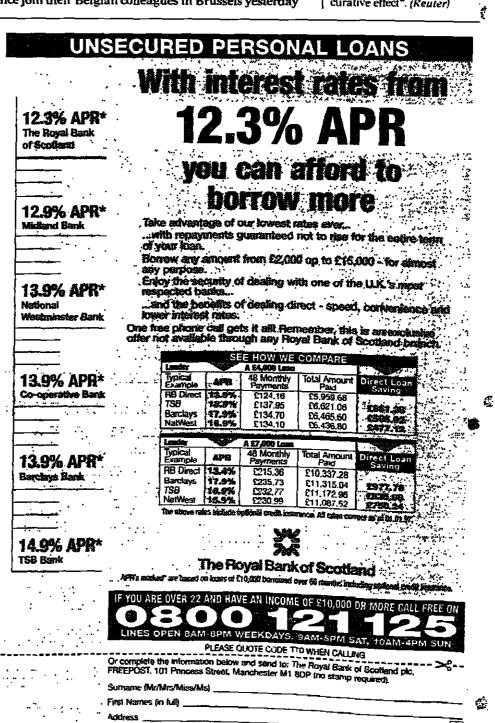
#### Rifkind rebuffed

Hong Kong: Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, said that Britain would not have the right to "meddle in Hong Kong affairs" after the trans-fer of sovereignty on July 1 (Jonathan Mirsky writes). He was commenting on a statement by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, that he intended to monitor the Sino British Joint Declaration.

#### Toast to health

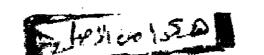
Moscow: Russian doctors in the southern city of Krasnodar claim to have invented a vodka that is truly good for health. Containing silver ions and passed through a magnetic field, it is said to have "antibiotic qualities and a curative effect". (Reuter)





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# Bluffer's guide to the world of science

Anjana Ahuja on a layman's lesson in the intricacies of modern scientific theory

f you have ever wanted to learn how to bluff your way in science, then this is the perfect time to start. Why? Because over the next few weeks, the entire country will be under siege from men and women in

National Science Engineering and Technology Week, otherwise known as Set 97, started on Friday. It will be followed by the Edinburgh International Science Festival, which runs until early April.

For the interested non-specialist, a guide to the latest ideas will be essential - which is where Who's Afraid of Schrodinger's Cat? comes in. A pithy, readable collection of mini-essays, it provides a useful overview of current science.

#### FUZZY LOGIC

WESTERN logic began with Aristotle and is modelled on the precise thinking and categories of mathematics. In mathematics, 2 plus 2 equals 4, never 42 or 5. In logic, a is either A or not A; it is never both A and not A. It has been an all-ornothing logic that admits neither contradictions nor shades of grey.

contradictions. It is a logic that stresses matters of degree and all those shades of grey that exist between black and white. A chief proponent of fuzzy logic, the mathematician Bart Kosko, illustrates the principle with an apple. An Aristotelian would say that it either is or is not an apple. But what happens when we take a bite? Is it still an apple? Perhaps we take another bite, and still another, until there is nothing left. At some point the apple changes

from an apple to a non-apple.

The half apple is a "fuzzy" apple, a key to understanding fuzzy technology. Suppose engineers want to make an intelligent traffic light that can time itself to change from red to green at different intervals, depending upon how light or heavy the traffic flow is. The binary switch of a digital computer is too crude to do this. Binary switches are either on or off. But fuzzy chips that allow traffic lights to readjust constantly have now been invented.

Fuzzy chips and machine circuits are modelled on the brain's own system of neural nets, in which each neuron is connected in a "messy" way to up to 10,000 other neurons. Like these brain



The mysterious world of the mad professor will become more accessible if you mug up on the terminology of modern science

LOTS of people who are over-

Overweight black women,

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circuits, fuzzy chips learn as they go, constantly readjusting.

#### THE GAME OF LIFE

THE Game of Life was devised by John Conway, an English mathematician. The rules of the game are simple. A computer screen begins with a random pattern of black and white squares. White squares represent living cells and black ones, dead cells.

In the next step, each square responds to what is happening in its neighbourhood of eight adja-

cent squares. If there are too many white squares, it dies of overcrowding; too few, and life is not

Only if a square has two or three living neighbours (white squares) will it live in the next generation. Likewise, a dead square (black) will come to life if it has two or three white neighbours.

As the computer goes through successive steps, colonies of white cells grow and oscillate or breathe". Others break off and wander around the screen. Some shapes look like parasites that eat everything in their path. Using an

extremely simple algorithm, Conway made a computer screen appear like the world seen when a drop of water is viewed under a microscope.

Since the patterns on the screen reproduce themselves, move, and consume their rivals, it is tempting to ask if that world within the computer is in some sense "alive".

#### LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE is thought to be a uniquely human ability. But it is an ability about which philosophers and scientists of the mind continue to disagree. Where does language come from? Is it the same as thinking?

Behaviourists such as B.F. Skinner have argued that we learn languages by association, like conditional reflexes. We hear "apple" when shown apples, and soon make the association. But Nuam Chomsky showed that human beings can both generate and understand sentences they have never heard before. And much of our language refers to abstract concepts such as truth or beauty. Chomsky believes that we have a special language faculty, apart from general intelligence, and that we are born with it. But his attempts to formulate our innate linguistic rules have had only limited success.

Chomsky says that we can apply the rules of any linguistic system correctly without knowing the meanings of the words involved. If true, this would lend great support to the argument that the brain functions like a computer, with language as its software. But there are only limited cases where it

According to Steven Pinker, anguage is acquired through evolution. Our ancestors found they could survive more effectively if they could speak, so those with the ability won the evolutionary race. Critics of Pinker, among them Chomsky, feel evolution is an inadequate explanation of how language appeared so suddenly and so exclusively.

#### THE THEORY OF **EVERYTHING**

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Of course, it remains the physicists' assumption that a Theory of Everything actually exists and that scientists merely have to look for it. Armed with such a theory, physicists could calculate in principle all the properties and processes of elementary particles. Physics itself would not necessarily come to an end; interesting and difficult problems will still exist. But if a Theory of Everything was achieved, there would be a feeling that physics had at last touched the ultimate level of matter.

 Adapted from Who's Afraid of Schrodinger's Cat? by Ian Marshall and Danar Zohar. published on April 10 by Bloomshury (£19.99). To order call 01634 297123.

A new way to identify polymers  $\square$  How race affects metabolism  $\square$  Setting a trap for antimatter  $\square$  The 2,400-year-old fingerprints

## Polyana puts a name to plastic

A TEAM at Southampton University has solved one of the great conundrums of materials science - how to tell one plastic from another quickly and easily.

Even for experts it is extremely difficult to distinguish plastics, which is vital if they are to be recycled. "If you mix different plastics together and try to melt them down, you just get a big mess." says Peter Mucci, head of the Prototype Group in the mechanical engineering department at Southampton. The industry has got so

good at mimicking other's products that they look identical even when they're not. In a readout saying what the plascar, for example, the plastic in the ashtray is designed to

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the fascia is made of plastic designed to resist impact but they both look the same". Ford, which supported the

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identification. "It might say this is PVC, and identification is 90 per cent certain. Mr Mucci says. "If the certainty

is low. the oper-SCIENCE ator knows it may not be the right material." Soon the public will be able to try the machine at the Science Museum in London. The

polymer analyser, measures the spectrum of the infra-red radiation reflected from the

reliability of the sample. This is determined by the molecular structure of the

Polyana can identify up to 200 plastics in three seconds. You do need a half-decent surface to bounce the radiation off," says Mr Mucci. "but almost every item has at least one flat surface you can use." The machine will be used

by carmakers, under increasing pressure to recycle plasby plastic recycling companies and by other product manufacturers anxious to know what materials their rivals are using. "This is a first." says Mr

Mucci. 'Now all I've got to work out is how to make a kiddie-proof version for the Science Museum.

### Weighing up the evidence

weight blame comfort from a study recently conducted at the University of their metabolism. In the majority of cases this is merely Pennsylvania Medical Centre in Philadelphia. wishful thinking — by consis-tently eating less, they would

Dr Gary Foster and colleagues compared the resting metabolic rate of 166 women, 44 of whom were black and the rest white. They were all

overweight, scaling an average of 16 stones. Resting metabolic rate is the rate at which the body burns calories when it is ticking over, and acounts for two thirds of the

The team reports in Obesity Research that the black

women had a resting metabolic rate 100 calories lower than the white women meaning that they would have to diet that much harder to achieve the same weight

This may explain why 50 per cent of black women in America are overweight, compared with a mere 33 per cent

of their white sisters.

#### that antihydrogen atoms can he studied at rest. Several CERN members - excluding Britain - have chipped in,

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and trap them for study.

catching 1.000 antihydrogen atoms an hour. The idea is to see if antihydrogen has exactly the same properties as hydrogen: if not, physicists will have to swallow hard and on symmetry. Warp drives are

## Physicists seek warp factor



sicists have engaged their warp drive, and are antimatter. Followers of Star

ter provides the power for the USS Enterprise. In the real world antiatoms have been observed only fleetingly in particle accelerators, created by the collisions between anti-

Now the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Geneva has raised the money for a trap designed

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#### and Japan has made a major contribution. Lasers will be used to slow the antiatoms

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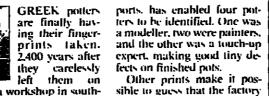
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Our recent series, Aspects of Love, found women talking candidly about their relationships. This week it is the men's turn. Below, writer Tim Lott exorcises some exquisitely embarrassing memories and, opposite, novelist Frank Ronan on paradoxes in the life of a gay man

# Blunders on the way to the bedroom

with a little effort, you can forget them. Painfully, there are exceptions. In my case, these phantoms usually recall a darkened room where bare desire has been transmuted into naked embarrassment.

Perhaps it is in the hope of exorcism that I intend to make confession of some of these tenacious hangovers. But before doing so, it helps me to remember that the afflictions of the past are universal.

This brings me to the tale of Martin Waterman, a I used all friend with whom I once shared a the tricks; school desk. At the time he was living tongue, with his parents. Frank and Olive. in fingers, Ealing. I knew whispers, somewhat anxious. respectable people kisses who were keen to see proprieties ob-

served. The father would delight in showing off his Airfix models. The mother was a rotund, shy woman, and a home cook and housekeeper of great virtue. She kept her hair stiffly permed.

Martin had taken up with a new girlfriend - whom, incredibly, given what was to later married. order to impress her, he had taken her to see a Russian art film in the West End. But after half an hour of considering the sway of wheat fields, he gave up and decided to surprise his parents and introduce them to

They entered silently through the half-lit surburban hallway. I recall that there were etchings of cathedral

tion of Lilliput Lane miniature cottages. Then into the living room, where he switched on the light and ushered Mary in.

His parents were illuminated, performing quite naked. The 26in TV in maple cabinet, towards which they were both aligned, was exhibiting a single freeze-frame of perhaps the most objectionable moment of a tamously obscene hard-core

They did not move, as if cast in a 1950s burlesque tableau. Martin's mother flected in the TV Then, screen. horrifically, Frank gave a slight but unmistakable nod of greeting. Mich-

would clearly act as confirmation that what he beheld had truly taken place. Instead, he switched off the light and silently retreated, a different person into a transformed

ael resisted the

temptation to nod

Compared with this, my memories are momentarily toothless. Until 1 remember

them that is One that consistently stabs who, despite a long relationship, I never felt was attracted much to me, but who at the time I always hoped could be won over by tenderness and persistence or, more typically, blackmail.

One night because it was my 23rd birthday - she gave in to my ministrations. Her closed eye-

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deepened. She succumbed relaxed into the moment.

I used all the tricks that I had read in a borrowed Cosmopolitan — tongue, fingers. whispers, kisses, constructed a fugue; when the moment of completion came close, I felt I had entirely beaten down her indifference, alchemised all the base material that customarily separated us and would loosen the moorings that held her within

I then became aware that the sound I had taken to be representative of the wakening giant within her - a strengthening, deepening pattern of breathing, rising and falling in volume alongside my own rhythm, had altered. Now it was less reminiscent of the exaltation of the soul and more like the dissection of knotted lumber with an old breadknife.

I stopped. The noise continued, loudening, harshening.

Under her closed eyelids, rapid eye movement. After a few more seconds, the snores died away, leaving an empty space into which I could tenderly collapse into

have always been possessed of the power to bring Zen detachment in women. One part-

ner, who, despite the bookish. rive gauche appearance that attracted me to her in the first place, liked to relax by watching junk TV. She had East-Enders on at a time when my libido began to broadcast insistent messages both downwards and outwards.

She eventually gave in to what I can only characterise as my persistent whining: the TV was left switched on.

After 15 minutes or so, during which time she appeared to be advancing theatrically towards what I took to be a common purpose, I noticed that her left hand was still holding the TV remote control implacably. Then I caught the slightest movement of the thumb. I dismissed it as

an involuntary reflex. This rationalisation became impossible to maintain when, minutes later, the same movement occurred again: and I noticed for the first time that

Grant Mitchell's voice was becoming more and more audible above the clamour of imprecations. "You're bang out of order. Leave my mum out of this. Or you'll have me to contend with for

Or something along those

If only things had improved after the closing credits; but she turned out to be an equally committed viewer of Children's Hospital.

I compensate for these moments with other, nourishing memories of women who have seemed more genuinely enthusiastic. But you can never be sure. One, a demure advertising copywriter whom I thought I had driven beyond the frontiers of her reticent personality into impossible, fibrillating, almost violent ecstasy, turned out merely to epileptic fit brought on by too much alcohol.

Alcohol is my fa-

vourite weapon in

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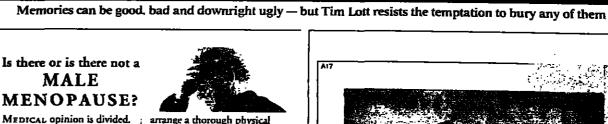
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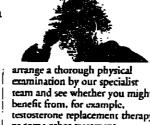
by mutual enthusiasm for the literary wino and olympic regurgitant Charles Bukowski, Thus, when she moved to meet my embrace, then vomited reprovingly on each of my knees, I should not, I suppose, have been as taken aback as I in fact

Not that I was discouraged. Because, oddly, I retain a sort of addiction to even the worst of my recollections, for all the discomfort they assail me with. And I remain happy to keep on piling them up. blun-ders and all. This is because once they were the present; so it is the present, that most ridiculous speck, that I am addicted to. And if you are not prepared to be ridiculous, you are refusing to acknowledge what it is to be a person — or perhaps more pertinently, what it is to be a man.

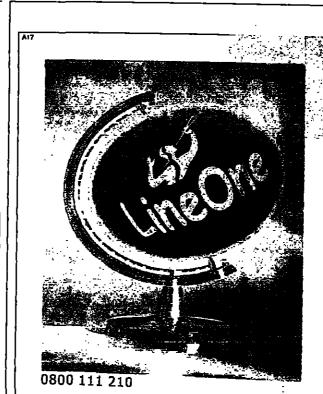
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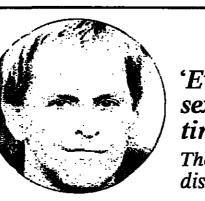


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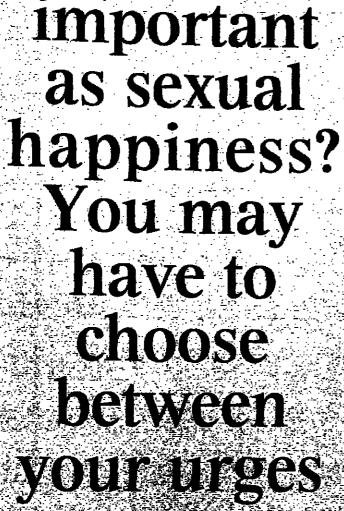






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should not be indulged, unless

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be married to the object of

We are liberated, closetless,

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ties will be remembered as a

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your fantasies.

Or perhaps not. Sex is an emotion and so, like any emotion, is the same for everybody and different for every-one. Emotions are slippery customers. Sex is a different thing when you're getting it how you like it from when you're getting it how you don't like it from when you're not getting it at all from when should or shouldn't, and de-

pending who's defining should and shouldn't. You can see how our forefathers came to the conclusion that it was easier just to ban the whole bloody thing, apart from that end of it which was concerned with ensuring our existence, though why they should take so much trouble over us while having such a

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fathom. Unless, of course, the people making the rules then were the undersexed: those who didn't have to think about sex every eight seconds or however much it is the rest of us do, and were thus free to become the people who made

n these, enlightened, times it is a well-known fact that some blokes fancy women and some other blokes fancy blokes and this concession to reality makes things better, but not much. True, we blokes now have a choice and if we don't

want to be straight we can be We can eschew football. procreation and bad haircuts in favour of nightclubs, body piercing and tasteful furnish-ings. We should be grateful, but there are a lot of us who are troublesome enough to demur. Perhaps we want to our cake and have it. Perhaps we would just like to be allowed to be

ourselves. Blokes who are gay like to exchange coming-out stories. In some ways it is how they establish a sort of pecking order. You get most Browne points for having known exactly what you were from the age of eight and never once having been tempted to try sleeping

with a woman. At the other end of the scale are the ones who have sired entire broods and were only forced into the open by being caught at it in a public lavatory. These latter stories, if they are told (we are at our most revisionist when it comes to our personal histories), are related with a sense of shame. as if there is something wrong with having tried to lead a normal life and having failed. As though the fact that you fancy other blokes means that you shouldn't want the things that the normal demand by right: children, privacy, respectability and a community which is not necessarily made up of people

exactly like you. y own comingout story (except that I never think the phrase applies to me) lies somewhere in the middle of these extremes. As an adolescent I fell in love with men but also, confusingly, enjoyed sex with women.

was largely untroubled by

thoughts of blokes. That rela-

the year which followed per-

stand a chance of pursuing a

lifelong partnership, it would

vile time themselves is hard to have to be with a man. I'm with a man now and things are looking good but I won't say any more about it than that because, as I've said. it's private. But the point is, as you can see. I'm a bit of a Flurry Knox as far as my gay the rules. There must have been something odd about them if they thought that

credentials are concerned (Flurry was, you will remember, a gentleman among stanovelist. I've been able to turn all that ambivalence and confusion to advantage. Being a note-take on the fringe of society I never really had that much to hide: I was free to experiment and had time to think about it. But I can't imagine how difficult life would have been if I'd wanted to live in Port Talbot and pursue a career in British

Which is exactly what I'm trying to say. What do you do if being gay is incompatible with all the other things you want to do with your life? Sex may have been elevated in the hierarchy of emotions, but not everyone wants to sacrifice their careers or their families

for the sake of it. What if you decide that having children is as impor-

As an adolescent I fell in love with men but also, confusingly, I still enjoyed sex with

women tant to you as sexual happiness? You may have to choose between your urges, and it may be that from your vantage point in straight society (which is where we all come from. oddly enough), the stereotypical gay identity may not seem

that attractive. Being gay, for many, is a package, and once you put your nose outside the closet you will find all sorts of people telling you what gay men like and what they are like, and a refusal to conform will be seen as political incorrectness (I've always thought Judy Garland an irritatingly neurotic soak but I could be lynched for

saving sol. It's hardly a wonder that so many blokes stay in Port For most of my twenties I Tallast and keep their sexuality was in love with a woman and under wraps, rear their children and fake it in the shower mom. That may be why there tionship ended four years ago. are such vast numbers of male Various romantic episodes in prostitutes and so many gay charlines (advertising themselves in laddish magazines). suaded me that if I were to

You can be an ordinary dad.

and fancy blokes in secret, but it's trickier to be an ordinary gay and have your kids on the quiet. With the former option you could be one of those blokes who never helps with the housework, in case she suspects you of being sensitive; who lives in fear that your children will hate you if they

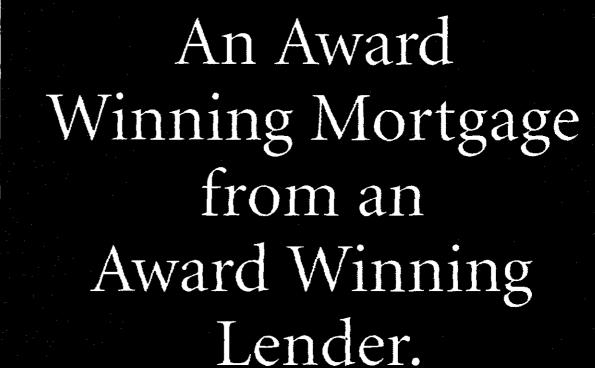
Frank Ronan: "It is a well-known fact that some blokes fancy women and some other blokes fancy blokes and this concession to reality makes things

find out, because you have taught them to hate gays as part of your I'll come clean. I want

children: both of us do. It is a project with so many inherent difficulties that it may never be possible. Funnily enough, in these rent-a-womb and clonea-Dolly days the physical barriers might not be insuperable, but we'd always be an oddity: the child would stand out, and children hate to stand out. That doesn't mean that we won't work out a way to do it. but we're up against a whole society which says that we are wrong even to consider it.

know we'd make a better job of parenthood than my parents ever could have, but then sex was a dirty word to them. To us it is the emotion by which we are judged.

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To the Royal Institution last Friday to hear the biographer Mr Richard Holmes lecture on the lost lectures of Mr Coleridge the poet, delivered in that very place in 1808. A splendid turnout, a lecture tailored with care, containing anecdote and analysis in equal measure and elegantly performed between the clock's striking nine and ten as has been the custom there for genera-

In the private discussions which followed, the subjects of chemistry and poetry jostled together, echoing the closeness of the friendship between the chemist Humphry Davy and the poet. Afterwards in Albermarle Street the cries were of Science and the Imagination, how they conjoin and what a world there was left yet to uncover. Enough.

There was an exhibition on Coleridge in the library. What most took my fancy was the letter a young Coleridge wrote to his brother: "I have often been surprised that Mathematics, the quin-

tessence of truth, should have of an expert — as so far gone on found admirers so few and so opium that he had "a paralytic languid. Frequent consideration and minute scrutiny have at length unravelled the cause viz that though Reason is Feasted. Imagination is Starved."

It was Davy who suggested that his friend deliver the lectures five courses of five, fee £140 - to the Royal Institution where crowds for such events could be so dense that Albermarle Street became the first one-way street in London. At that time there were lectures on Chemistry, Botany and Medicine but also on Persian Literature, German Architecture

and Moral Philosophy. Coleridge's series of lectures have always been regarded as the biggest flop in the history of the Royal Institution. Thomas De Quincey attended one of them and described Coleridge - with the eye

inability to raise the upper jaw from the lower". The poet skipped some lectures, turned up at others with that most shaming excuse that he had lost his notes somewhere along the way, but finally he delivered 18 of the lectures. Holmes makes a good case from the fragments remaining, that these lectures were as a laboratory for the poet (the use of laboratory is mine, not Holmes's). Out of this apparent debacle came his later soaring views on the Imagination. particularly as demonstrated through Shakespeare.

The part of Holmes's lecture which interested me most was the way in which the chemist Davy and the poet seem to have seen themselves moving towards the same end through their different disciplines. The end was to discov-



Ideas to set the imagination on fire

the one power which drove through everything. Davy's idea, I think, crudely, was that chemical force and electrical force are exactly the same thing and that all other forces come under that

scheme of things. I was told that it vitalism and galvanism which is still thought by scientists today as a fertile explanation and it was taken up by Davy's great pupil Faraday, Faraday, I learn from his biographer John Meurig Thomas. wrote down at that very time: "Experiment is the servant of the Imagination." Coleridge looked for the energies of the eternal will through a profound contemplation on the nature of the imagination. Davy wrote: "Chemistry is professed with a passion of Hope."

The confluence is fascinating and the religious undertow unmistakable. To prepare himself to be the great philosophic poet, Coleridge went to Germany in his twenties to study both the natural sciences and biblical scholarship - in fact the whole range of knowledge available - and he was drawn into the German ideas of

were seming up a Romantic challenge to the British Newtonian Universe. Coleridge saw Science as a way to truth and also as a oreat larder: To renew my stock of metaphors." He used these with skill, as Holmes pointed out. For instance, when first he met Dorothy Wordsworth he wrote that "her taste is as perieur as an elearometer".

Coleridge conducted electrical experiments on himself just as Davy used himself as a subject most notably with laughing gas.
Day was also a poer and the careful Wordsworth gave him the task of correcting the second edition of his precious Lyrical Ballads. Coleridge's science was perhaps less accomplished than Day's poetry, aithough there were those in the audience last Friday night who nodded vigorously at his comment on the suggestion at that time of a Big Bang-type theory that "it is not beautiful enough".

Afterwards I was intoxicated at the thought that for a few years these two men were on parallel tracks. In a way the basis may have been alchemical and it is worth remembering that perhaps the greatest scientist of all. Newton, devoted much of his time and intellect to Alchemy, that Joseph Priestley's book on electricity could play a part in the shaping of Coleridge's poetic imagination. and a profound part — as distinct from the designer stick-on of which Lewis Wolpert accuses several contemporary writers who try to embrace science - was an exhilarating insight into where eventual fusions of thought might

Perhaps the Royal Institution will once again become the place in which we are told how the world is changing. The time seems ripe for scientists and artists to unite once again.



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which is as it should be. Among the constants are Richard Hudson's brightly coloured sets and earthy costumes - Breughel in Technicolor — though some of the codpieces still look like the triumph of optimism over

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reasonable expectation. Vick's Edwards's chorus), Knife-edge production is so unshowy that you hardly notice it's there - it couldn't be more chalkycheese different from the Jones would stand still. What a great Ring, confirming that there are no rules in such matters. and wise musician. But re-rehearsal has brought new depths and insights, to

It would be wrong to cite Bernard Haitink as another constant. No two Haitink performances are the same: each one is a spontaneous act of musical creation. On Saturday he did not just give us "his" interpretation of Meistersinger, but a development of all that had gone before, newminted in the light of long experience. Forward impulse never faltered - the six hours sped by - yet a sense of genial relaxation, of sheer enjoyment in music-making, was equally

which we will come later.

The last 20 minutes of the first act built to a near-Bacchic frenzy, cannily foreshadowing the second act riot and breakdown of civilisation-as-weknow-it, which he also took so fast as to risk a derailment that never came (all praise to Terry stuff, fitting the action. As before, conducting and playing of the third act prelude made you wish that time

Other constants include Nancy Gustafson's almost impossibly pretty Eva, finding her warmest form in time for the Quintet; Gösta Winbergh's Mozartianly lyrical, amazingly unstrained Walther; Gwynne Howell's avuncular Pogner (still with a horrid wig); and Roderick Earle's perfect committee man of a Kothner. Herbert Lippert, miscast as Strauss's Matteo last year, was new as the apprentice David and enjoyed a signal success — the right voice, the right manner — and Catherine Wyn-Rogers's sparky Magdalene fully justified the changing of the line

about her being "the old one". Thomas Allen's prissily malevolent, wonderfully sung Beckmesser remains a miracle of character-building through music, with enough depth behind those not-quite-dead eyes to suggest reasons for the

malevolence. This near-tragic figure (and if you wonder whether words and notes actually justify the impersonation. you don't do so until long after the final curtain) threatened to unbalance the whole produc-tion last time, which brings us to the biggest change, the giant strides forward taken by John Tomlinson's Sachs.

our years ago he seemed bent on emphasising the cobblerartisan at the expense of the poet; he has now struck a perfect balance. His singing has more legato, more variety of dynamic and nuance without losing an iota of its elemental power, and his response to the words shows new poetic insight: his Fliedermonolog was profoundly moving.

The ill-temper is still there, but the reasons for it are more clearly indicated, and the third act was truly a dark night of the soul. His Sachs is still a great bear of a man, which makes the sensitivity he now allows to break surface all the more affecting, and his essential good humour is in no way blunted: he and Allen play their comic scenes together perfectly. Tomlinson's new depths have indeed raised an already fine production to new

## Hitting the right programme notes

OCCASIONALLY the Halle Orchestra's monthly Opus series produces something which is both popular and special, Gerald Larner writes. Combine Lalo's Symphonie espagnole with Ravel's Alborada del gracioso and Tzigane and that's already the larger part of a cohesive and attractive programme. Debussy's La Mer does not quite fit in, but it is an unassailably highquality score.

The misfortune was that Vadim Repin and Kent Nagano did not present the best possible case for the Symphonie espagnole. It needs to be so much more defined in melodic character than was achieved in Manchester's Bridgewater Hall on this occasion. Repin was much happier in the boastful gypsy idiom of Tzigane, which was delivered with virtuoso brilliance by soloist and orchestra alike. Kent Nagano conducted with a poetic instinct not so much to thrust every detail into high relief as to blend and integrate and trust in the undercurrents to carry the structural continuity - as they most effectively did.

TWO ambitious series -Radio 3's Sounding the Century and Simon Rattle's Towards the Millennium collided at the Festival Hall on Wednesday night for Britten's War Requiem: one of the key

masterpieces of the Sixties. Barry Millington writes. This was very much a War Requiem of our times. Andrea Gruber, the soprano soloist, is a rapidly rising star, while Rattle with his City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, its chorus and youth

chorus, offers a Nineties' per-

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spective, which could account for the lack of a spiritual aurain this performance. There were nevertheless some fine things. Simon Keenlyside gave an eloquent reading of Be slowly lifted up. thou long black arm, but Rattle's big guns were re-served for the first thrilling. choral outburst recapitulating the Dies Irae. Then came Robert Tear's despairing rendering of Move him into the sun. Gruber's assured Lacrimosa, and a rapt reprise of the Kyrie music for the choral Pie.

ing climax in the Libera me, at the return of the Dies Irae. Penderecki's Threnody to the Victims of Hiroshima proved an inspired coupling. Its final searing dissonance was for me the most harrow-

ing moment of the evening.

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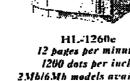
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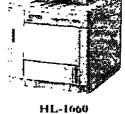


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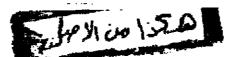
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THEATRE: Daniel Rosenthal on Simon Callow's solo biographical tribute to the genius that was Oscar. Plus reviews

# Wilde about the old boy

s a treshman at Queen's University, Belfast, in 1969, Simon Callow had an unforgettable journalistic encounter with the author and original star of the one-man show he is bringing to the West End.

Obsessed with Oscar Wilde, the 19year-old Callow had sought out an LP recording of The Importance of Being Oscar, a biographical entertainment" by the flamboyant "Irish" actor/manager who had co-founded Dublin's Gate Theatre.

Knowing that Micheal MacLiammoir was coming to Belfast to adjudicate the Irish Universities Drama Festival, Callow volunteered to interview him for the Queen's student newspaper. At the exotically furnished Dublin house which the 70-year-old MacLiammoir shared with his partner and Gate co-founder, Hilton Edwards, Callow met a man who had attempted to arrest the passage of time. "Micheal wore a preposterous toupée and extremely heavy make-up." recalls Callow. "But somehow he looked neither camp nor grotesque."

As they talked, MacLiammóir was "wonderfully amusing" about his career. He liked the published interview and was happy to have Callow guide him around the Belfast drama festival and act as his dresser for two performances of The Importance.

The show, first staged in Dublin in 1960, consists of extracts from Wilde's poetry, prose, letters and plays, woven together by MacLiammoir's wonderfully immediate and concise commentary. By 1969, he had delivered it hundreds of times in sold-out theatres from New York to Sydney. In Belfast's McMordie Hall, Callow watched him evoke Wilde's characters and genius with such skill that he made 1,200 ordinary people feel fantastically witty".

"I already wanted to be an actor," says Callow, "but seeing Micheal command this magnetic fascination gave me a revelation of what acting could do. Nineteen years after MacLiammoir's death, that influence, and Callow's fascination with Wilde, makes The Importance "almost perfect" as a solo project.

Anyone inclined to compile an mportance of Being Micheal about MacLiammoir would not want for described by Harold Hobson as "Ireland's finest actor" was born Alfred Willmore in north London in 1899. A beautiful, curly-haired boy, he earned rave notices and £2 a week as a child actor, delighting Edwardian London as Christopher Darling in Peter Pan (Noël Coward was one of the Lost Boys).

As an art student at the Slade school, he developed natural talents which would gain wide exposure in memorable costume and set designs for the Gate. Increasingly fascinated



Simon Callow, whose youthful obsession with Wilde led him to Dublin and the door of another theatrical giant, Micheal MacLiammoir

by Irish culture, he began to learn Gaelic and in 1917, a few months before his 18th birthday, the prospect of being called up prompted him to board a boat to Ireland.

Gradually he "became" an Irishman more completely than Dublin-born Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wilde had become English. He changed his name (MacLiammoir is a clumsy translation of Willmore), pretended he had been born in Cork, and his mythological 1928 play. Diarmuid agus Gráinne, is widely regarded as the best drama written in Ireland's native tongue.

Returning to the stage in 1927, he met the English actor Hilton Edwards, and they formed a personal and professional relationship which lasted until MacLiammóir's death in 1978. They established the Gate in 1928 and for the next 40 years shepherded it through innumerable financial crises and critical triumphs. Some 300 productions bore their



The incomparable Oscar Wilde, poet, author, playwright and wit

stamp. MacLiammoir designed and first actors to be given the freedom of acted, taking roles as varied as Hamlet and Adolf Hitler, as well as writing well-received plays of his own; Edwards directed and sometimes acted. In 1973 they became the

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Duhlin. The Gate company's early line-ups included the 16-year-old Orson Welles, who would later say that "whatever I know about the stage

arts is only an extension of what I knew from Hilton and Micheal". His decision to cast MacLiammòir as lago in his 1949 film of Othello produced an extraordinary and rare screen performance.

MacLiammoir also wrote a muchadmired Othello journal, Put Money In Thy Purse, which was one of the inspirations for Callow's 1995 biography of Welles (it defies all odds that despite being born 35 years and 3,000 miles apart, both biographer and subject should have fallen under MacLiammoir's spell in their teens). According to Christopher Fitz-Simon, author of The Boys, a double biography of Edwards and Mac-Liammoir, the latter impressed everyone he met. "I interviewed 108 people who worked with Micheal. from programme sellers to Peggy Ashcroft," he says. They were all thrilled to unleash their experiences." The Importance of Being Oscar opens tomorrow at the Savoy Theatre (0171-836 8888) and runs until May 10

## Don't cry for this harpy, Argentina

"OH WHAT a circus, oh what a show" is a phrase that seems to apply to any dramatic rendering of the high life and low times of Argentina's selfstyled leading lady. Yet this curious late 1960s affair from Eva's countryman Copi - or Raul Damonte if you prefer, although reinvention seems to have been all the rage back then - is no monument to a well-dressed legend.

Rather it presents Eva as a crazed harridan on her last cancer-ridden legs, warding off the family of vultures poised to swoop on her bank vaults the moment she dies. For while an empire totters on the streets outside, Eva's private queendom, made claustrophobic by the histrionics of its burnt-out decadence, is

closing in on her. While a nurse attends to her mistress's every whim, the great dictator himself is barely capable of addressing an envelope, never mind a nation. Waiting in the wings is Eva's greaseball brother Juancito, while mother makes five, leading from the bottle in a strictly family affair. Just who's screwing whom only becomes apparent later on, though, as what looks set to be a night of

Eva Peron Citizens, Glasgow

the long knives takes a bizarre After an eye-popping open-

ing, Kenny Miller's produc-tion settles into a gloriously messy groove of screeching. grotesque cartoonery, making light of a seemingly even Coming at the tail end of a

decade when a glimpse of stocking was still just about considered shocking, you can see how Copi's anything-goes approach appealed. Nearly 30 years on, Miller has dragged the play screaming into a retro-kitsch no-man's lounge Brylcreemed tack and airbrushed glamour, beneath which lie crow's feet and chaos as Andrea Hart indulges Eva's every mood swing with

maniacal largesse. Eva here is a sharp-eyed Cinderella who went to the ball, had one, and, with her own personal midnight approaching, got out before the clock stopped ticking. And that's how icons are born.

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## Maid to look silly

ROUSED to writerly anger by the way Joan of Arc has been appropriated by Jean-Marie Le Pen and the National Front, Julia Pascal attempts to reclaim the maiden for justice, truth and the multiracial way. Her Joan has a Jewish father. a Jamaican mother and she lives "in a European house of death". Such is her ethnic spread that Joan's dreamlike narrative is delivered by three actresses dressed in white shirts and breeches who reveal, with a little bit of tinkering, that she could have been the leader of all struggles against racism. Her unfortunate mistake was to be burnt at the stake in 1431.

Pascal's work has always been inextricably bound up with the Jewish experience but this experiment to fit the story of St Joan's martyrdom around the current prejudice against Jews and Algerians in France has bemusing results. With faces full of woe, the

actresses spoonfeed us the racially inspired horrors of the past thousand years. The hap-

St Joan New End, NW3

less saint is plugged into the Afro-Caribbean diaspora, the Catholic Inquisition and the Ku Klux Klan but, instead of providing sparking insights. Pascal's play merely shortcircuits our interest.

The props rise shamelessly to the occasion. The only people prepared to be fooled by an Army & Navy greatcoat slung around a stepladder were the actors, who deserve of overwhelming oddities. Abi Eniola and Yonic Blackwood are faintly comic as sparring Caribbean mamas arguing the finer points of European imperialism, and Laure Smadja musters an impressive amount of snarling. bright-eved fervour. But they have too much nonsense to present.

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ngela Bollam was 19 when she tied a sheet to the bars of her cell window and hanged herself. She had been alone for five hours in her narrow prison room with just a bunk-bed on one side and a desk on the other. She was wearing tearproof canvas pyjamas, provided as an anti-suicide measure. A heroin addict, she had spent all morning without the medication she needed. The last human contact she had had was a 30-second conversation with a prison officer through the spyhole in her door. She was discovered dead only after staff noticed that she had not turned up for lunch. Her crime was not a great one -she was on remand for shoplifting at her local Kwik-Save

The bleak circumstances of Angela's last hours have been emerging from a fatal accident inquiry into the recent suicide of three young women at Cornton Vale Prison near Stirling. There have now been six such deaths in the course of the past 15 months. To anyone who has followed the detail of this and previous inquiries, the pattern of events has become depressingly predictable. They all involve young. vulnerable girls,

emotionally unstable, distressed, often dependent on drugs, and usually on remand for minor offences.

Prison, in those circumstances, can be a frightening ex-perience, and to be locked up alone may be the final

straw. In almost every case, there were indications in advance of a suicide risk, and though prisons have a strict procedure in such circumstances, with regular checks by prison staff, it has proved desperately inadequate. The male officer responsible for Angela's supervision had worked for only II days in a woman's prison, and had received minimal training in suicide-prevention. Most warders would admit that in a full prison, they simply cannot guarantee the proper monitoring necessary to prevent these deaths. Any psychologist knows that potential suicides should not be locked up on their own.

The inference is clear: prison is the wrong place for women like Angela. They need medical rather than penal supervision - treatment rather than isolation. If lives are to be saved, a completely different regime is required. But that will not happen. The reality is that vulnerable remand prisoners will continue to be sent to Cornton Vale and similar prisons, where they will be dealt with by overstretched officers in a threatening environment. Two weeks ago, a sheriff in Falkirk. remanding a young woman accused of assault, was told by her counsel that she was considered a suicide risk and should not be sent to Cornton Vale. The sheriff said he had looked at the circumstances of her case and decided that there was no alternative. She is currently being held there. "under supervision".

A fair and humane prison system. Winston Churchill

said, is the hallmark of a civilised society. If that is the case, then a Government presiding over a prison regime that allows young women to kill themselves in despair has. somewhere along the line, lost touch with civilised values. If this were just a temporary phenomenon, an unhappy statistical lapse, one could perhaps excuse and explain it. while offering sensible remedies. But everything conspires to suggest that this is the by-product of a punitive prison

means of rehabilitation. The steady increase in the British prison population. symbolised by the arrival of a prison hulk from America, now moored off the Dorset coast, indicates that closer attention to the plight of distressed remand prisoners ranks fairly low among penal priorities. Prison governors protest about overflowing jails, but are treated with 'contempt" (their word) by the Home Office. Simply coping with numbers has taken precedence over anything as subtle as the humane treatment of

policy that sees custody as an

end in itself rather than a

The figures are compelling. In England and Wales, the

total prison popula-

tion has risen al-Prison is most to 60,000, the highest proportion in Europe. Of this the wrong place for shameful total, those on remand many of have increased from these 12 to 21 per cent in the past 20 years. in crude figures, that vulnerable means there are currently 12,000 people

people held in prison who have not been convicted of a crime. The rise in Scotland is less, but still significant. Of those, a majority do not in the end receive custodial sentences, and so need not have been in prison at all; a quarter of them are acquitted altogether before proceedings

TT Teeks and months spent alongside seasoned criminals, perhaps in the psychologically intimidating surroundings of a Cornton Vale, or locked up in an overcrowded cell, have taken their toll. Of the 64 suicides in England and Wales last year, more than half were remand prisoners. That time spent in prison, away from homes, jobs, friends and relations, means that re-entering society for those who are expected to become law-abiding citizens

again is doubly difficult. We need reform — led by a latterday John Howard or Elizabeth Fry, perhaps. Better still, by a humane Home Secretary who has the courage to pursue civilised values undeterred by the baying of the law-and-order mob. But reform, in the current political climate, with both major parties competing for the popular vote, is not on offer. Instead, sentencing policy, backed by the unforgiving tone of retri-bution, forces the hand of the judiciary in the opposite direction. The judge who voices concern about prison conditions from the bench is accused of being "soft on crime". There are no bonus points for

Only the Liberal Democrats are honest enough to tell us what they will do about the two great issues

uvenal, the great satirist, warned of the "thousand cruel dangers" of life in Rome at the end of the lst century, rising to the climactic horror of "poets reciting their verses." in the month of August". In 1738, Samuel Johnson published his poem London in imitation of Juvenal's satire, and transformed the lines to:

Here falling houses thunder on And here a female atheist talks you

A modern imitator might describe new horror, not confined to Rome or London and unknown to Juvenal or Johnson, which is worse than Latin versifiers or even female atheists; with the election announcement, we now have to suffer politicians repeating their soundbites on television in April.

It is not only the politicians' con-tempt for their audience that is odious. We are all quite accustomed to advertisers using repetitive and specious arguments. What is more worrying is the politicians' contempt for themselves. The current soundbites are all so idiotic. Apparently the real issues must not be discussed before the electorate.

Political campaigning has always been disingenuous; when Gladstone was campaigning in Midlothian he did not put the argument between the Turks and the Bulgars in its most judicious form. But the soundbites combine the disingenuous with the simplistic. For the next six weeks we shall hear virtually nothing else, and they are already as repulsive as they

are intellectually feeble.

The grand refusal is the conscious decision, taken by both major parties. to avoid putting the single currency question before the electorate. Both agree that there would have to be a referendum before Britain joined the single currency; neither will say whether it would choose to join or not. Most Tories are opposed to the

# Blair's majority without a mandate

single currency, but they cannot say so because Kenneth Clarke will not let them, and the Prime Minister has not had the confidence, or perhaps the wish, to overrule his Chancellor. I honestly do not know whether John Major is a closet Eurofanatic pretending to be Eurosceptic, or vice versa. The Government is campaigning on a policy that perhaps no member of the Cabinet truly supports. It is at best Asquith's policy of wait and see". At the last election. the two parties carefully avoided allowing the Maastricht treaty to become an election issue. They are repeating the performance at this election on the issue of the single currency. This coalition of silence is anti-democratic.

Obviously the proposed television debate between John Major and Tony Blair would do nothing to make the party leaders express their real intentions on Europe, if they had any. How would the dialogue go? Tony: "I challenge you, Prime Minister, to say whether you will take the pound into a single currency. The voters have the right to know." John: "Really, I'd much rather not say. No responsible Prime Minister would tell the electorate what he intended to do before he did it. But it is an absolute scandal that a Leader of the Opposition will not tell the voters his policy on the most important constitutional issue to face Britain for many generations. Will Labour take Britain into a single currency?" Tony: "That's an altogeth-

er inappropriate question, typical of a Prime Minister who has raised taxes 22 times. All I can say is that enough is enough."

That, or something very like it, is all they would be able to say. The Liberal Democrats are, in any case, quite right about the constitutional impropriety of the proposed Major-Blair television debate. Such a debate would imply that these two are presidential candidates. MPs would be only so many electoral voters, wholly dependent on the

# William Rees-Mogg

national debate; the minor parties, the Liberal Democrats themselves, the various Ulster parties, the Scottish and Welsh nationalists, the Eurosceptic parties and the Greens would not be given their propor-tionate share in the national debate. I suppose a television debate in which both Ian Paisley and Sir James Goldsmith were involved as party leaders would be very entertaining, but the main party leaders would never agree to that. They would prefer to have a political monopoly which the British constitu-

It may seem idealistic to suppose that a general election campaign should be better than this, but it can be, or at least it has been in the past. Margaret Thatcher fought a much more open campaign in 1979, though many of the reforms of the Thatcher decade developed as time went on, in response to political events. The Churchill "set the people free" campaign in 1951 was not perfect but it was more open. The Lab-our campaign of 1945, which promised both to create the post-war welfare state and to nationalise major industries, was the most open and detailed of all, though the nationalisation policy proved a disaster. In 1945, in 1951 and in 1979, the country was promised major changes: when the changes came they were widely accepted as an expression of the public will, even by those who were opposed to them.

The big issues now are as evident as they were in 1945, 1951 or 1979. The British have to make two great decisions: whether to keep their post-war welfare state at the unavoidable cost of higher taxation, or to accept plural funding in health, education and pensions; and whether to accept a highly integrated Europe, including a single currency. We know the Liberal Democrat answers. They would raise taxes to finance the welfare state; they are federalists, both for Britain and for Europe. We do not know what either

of the two major parties would do about financing the welfare state or about Europe, except for Peter Lilley's admirable proposats for funding pensions.

If one wants what the Liberal

Democrats offer, more welfare, higher taxes and a European superstate, then one should vote Liberal Democrat with a clear conscience. If one does not want these things then use should not vote for them, but one can still respect their greater openness. In the two larger parties, the voter runs into a wall of silence. Aside from pensions, the Conservatives claim that they will keep the present welfare state in its present form but wall not raise taxes. That is impossible. The Labour Party is confused about pensions, but otherwise says "ditto to the Tories". That is equally impossible. Labour will agree to a bit more European integration, but not too much. The Tories say that they will not agree to much more European integration, perhaps only to a bit less than Labour. Neither party will define an attitude towards a single currency: neither party has a policy on welfare, taxation or Europe which tells the voters what it intends to do.

Tony Blair is almost certain to win this election, probably with a large majority. On these central issues he will come to office without having asked for a public mandate. He will not therefore have the mandate for change that Attlee had in 1945. Churchill in 1951 or Thatcher in 1979 the three decisive victories of the post-war period. He will have a mandate for Scottish and Welsh devolution and for removing the hereditary peers, but not the big social and European issues. Enough is enough" is an emotional slogan. not a policy. Yet a majority without a mandate like an avalanche of melting snow: it can do some damage but it is "full of sound and fury, signifying

# A debate won't be enough

On the first

campaign day, Peter Riddell

says voters have

already decided ohn Major needs a miracle to stay in Downing Street, but he is unlikely to find it in a television debate with Tony Blair. As the campaign is formally launched today the electrical

launched today, the electoral arithmetic is straightforward and brutal. Whichever way you adjust the polling figures, the Tories are much further behind than any other governing party which has gone on to win re-election. Moreover, the ratings have been settled for some time. with the Labour lead widening, if anything, in recent weeks. The Tories now require a swing of votes in their favour greater than any party has obtained during the final weeks of a campaign. The Tories therefore have no

option but to try to jolt voters out of their desire for a change of government. They need to dramatise the choice to make neonle feel less sure about voting Labour - especially since the multi-million-pound "New Labour, New Danger" advertising campaign has so far had no apparent impact on voting intentions. Despite the doubts of many of his advisers. Mr Major is right to take the gamble of a television debate. However, big uncertainties remain because of the need to fit in Paddy Ashdown (who should appear if there are to be several debates) as well as about the format (a studio audience might increase the gladiatorial aspect). If there are to be at least two debates, as Brian Mawhinney yesterday suggested, when will they be held? Neither party will want to risk a high-profile debate too close to polling day, in case something goes disastrously wrong. In America, the final debate last year was more than three weeks before



A televised debate, or debates, would capitalise on Mr Major's appeal as the decent, sensible man with the knowledge and experience to handle the intractable problems of government - by contrast, the Tories hope, with the inexperience of Mr Blair. Mr Major is good at conveying his command of a detailed brief, the manager with the safe pair of hands. But Mr Blair is also fluent, confident and self-deprecating in this situation, as he has shown at meetings with Labour members around the country

Such a programme would certain-become the event of the campaign, only because of its novelty. There would be endless coverage and analysis. But overseas experience suggests that the overall impact on the result might be small. In Ameri-ca, presidential debates started in

#### RIDDELL ON MONDAY

1960 and have been held every four years since 1976. The occasional gaffes and even rarer memorable phrases have entered campaign folklore, but there is little evidence that they altered the outcomes. Usually, one candidate is thought to have "won" the debate, but he receives merely a short-lived boost, often cancelled out later. The Hansard Society is this week producing a timely discussion paper by Stephen Coleman on televised leaders' debates, looking at the experience in America, Australia and Canada. This suggests that even if debates do not produce big swings in votes, they do increase public knowledge of party policies and candidates, particularly among those least interested in

politics, and this may increase turnout.

Such debates can often, however, be boring and unilluminating, as were last autumn's Clinton-Dole encounters. This is partly because the formats have become rigid and prevented extensive exchanges and follow-up of points. The liveliest debate that I heard last year in America was the final, freewheeling one of eight held over nearly six months between John Kerry and Bill Weld in the Senate race in Massachusetts. There the moderator was essentially an umpire, rather than an interviewer, and the contrast between the candidates came out clearly.

The main reason why debates frequently disappoint is paradoxically because they are regarded as so important. Candidates play safe, often sounding like programmed spokesseldom land a real punch. In Britain, Mr Major and Mr Blair are both too practised to make serious blunders. and because of their regular exchanges in the Commons they are much more experienced than American presidential candidates. As important as the event may be the battle of spin outside the studio, starting while the debate is still going on. as the parties press officers try to persuade reporters that their man has won. This already happens here every Tuesday and Thursday after Prime Minister's Questions.

o I would be surprised, despite all the hype, if such debates were to be decisive. Few campaign events are. firmly attached to one party or another than 25 years ago or more, but even so the vast majority have made up their minds before the formal campaign starts. Worryingly for the Tories, there is little evidence that governments can do much to alter an outcome, although Oppositions can ruin their chances. Paul Keating entered the Australian elections in 1993 as the underdog and his re-election was sealed by the opposition's support for a general sales tax. In Britain, the Labour campaign fell apart in 1983, but otherwise, shifts during a campaign have generally been small — four to five percentage points at the most.

However, a campaign can be decisive at the margin, tipping the balance to give one party a slight edge in a close race, as happened to Labour in February 1974. Five years ago, Mr Major's robust and resilient performance on his soapbox and Neil Kinnock's mishaps in the final ten days may have been enough to ensure that the Tories kept their overall majority - even if, as the British Election Study suggests, Labour could not have done anything in the campaign to generate enough votes to become the largest single party in a hung Parliament, let alone to win an overall majority. But we are not talking about movements at the margin now. The Tories need a political earthquake, and I do not yet hear any subterranean rumblings.

## Bath plug

THERE WAS an unwelcome guest at the Lucknam Park country hotel, near Bath, where John Major's closest advisers gathered to talk election tactics on Friday night. The hotel, a Palladian mansion in 500 acres, where suites cost up to £530 a night, was deemed the perfect base camp for the party's Central Council meeting in Bath

Come dinner-time, the Prime Minister and the party chairman. Brian Mawhinney, were upstairs discussing how to mop the floor with Tony Blair in a television

Meanwhile, Norma Major entertained her husband's exterie to dinner in the restaurant below. Between mouthfuls of sea bass and rocket salad, Norman Blackwell, the head of the No 10 policy unit. chatted intensely with Major's political secretary. Howell James, his parliamentary private secretaries, Lord McColl and John Ward. and speechwriter George Bridges. Not quite the moment, then, for Philip Gould, Labour's election

strategist and arch spin-meister to

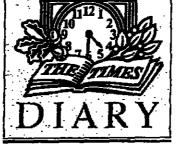
arrive for dinner. Tory spines

stiffened visibly: "He strode in and

bravely pretended not to notice," relates an observer. "The waiters saw the problem and just steered him to a table in the opposite corner of the room." From which vantagepoint Gould watched the comings and goings of Major's men as they were called up in turn to put the finishing touches to the PM's "you can only be sure with the Conservatives" speech.



"What do you mean we've missed the Ides of March?"



♠ A kleptomaniac is at large in South Africa's Parliament Buildings in Cape Town. Since Nelson Mandela took office in 1994, 260 incidents of theft have been reported. As well as a staple diet of fax machines and computers, the thief has also taken the curtains hung specially for the Queen's state visit. an MP's gun, a set of breathing apparatus and all the door handles from the ladies loos.

#### It's a steal

HIS INTERPRETATION of the Eighth Commandment may be eccentric, but the Rev John Papworth, the clergyman who said shoplifting from superstores was not sinful, is a man of principle to the end. Subscribers to his magazine, Fourth World Review are means-

tested according to categories: (a) television personalities, dishwasher-owners and users of taxis: 525 per annum (b) drivers of secondhand cars and wearers of false teeth: ElO p.a. (c) archbishops: £220.

#### Blue corners

CHAOS broke out at the 90th Var-sity Boxing Match, which was narrowly won by Oxford at the Cambridge Guildhall on Friday. With Oxford leading 4-3, the light-heavyweights took the ring for a poten-



Papworth: eccentric

tially match-settling bout.

After a three tough rounds, in which the Cambridge man was penalised for hitting below the belt, the referee, Mr C. Goodenough, declared Oxford's fighter the winner. But immediately the Cambridge corner stormed the ring, accusing Mr Goodenough of bias and wielding buckets in a threatening manner.

A sour-sounding Cambridge supporter takes up commentary: "It was a ridiculous decision and the crowd and coaches couldn't take it lying down. They all just snapped." Mr Goodenough had to be extricated from the ring and replaced by one of the judging panel before tempers subsided.

#### Streit on

TWO TENORS were on show for the price of one at the Royal Opera House's Cosi fan tutte last week. The young tenor Rainer Trost had fallen ill. while the second tenor, the Swedish Gosta Windbergh. having just performed in the matinée, needed honey rather than more strain on his larynx.

So enter the American Kurt Streit, who had earlier in the day flown into London from America for a concert series. Having sung in the production before, he was able



Fluck and Law's image of a head-to-head encounter

to sing half the opera while Windbergh managed the other half. In a play in which disguise has so large a part, the transition was virtually seamless.

#### Silk purse

BUREAUCRACY has finally triumphed over art at the Royal Academy. Piccadilly, where some of Britain's sharpest political satirists are staging an exhibition. To give a contemporary edge to the Spitting Image display (a skip filled with latex effigies of Thatcher, Major.



Clarke et al), the puppets' creator Roger Law — Damien Hirst style secreted three real pigs' heads among the polis.

"It worked a treat," says the bearded Law, "until some stuffed official told me to get rid of them on health and safety grounds." Law had the final word, however, His model of Tony Blair as a grinning angel began to emit a strange smell in the course of the private view; "They're duck wings," he said "and when they get hot they smell like

Funding plea for

From Mr David Bramson and others

Sir. Inadequate transport is a key

issue which could put London's econ-

omic competitiveness at risk. As busi-

nessmen we recognise the bottom line

contribution the Underground makes

and its role in maintaining London as

a world-class city.

Regrettably, however, the failure of

successive governments over the past

35 years to match this contribution

has led to a £1.2 billion investment

backlog, compounded by a 28 per cent

cut in government grant over the next three years. As a result, London Tran-sport has been forced to pare £700

million from its investment pro-gramme. This flies in the face of the

Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion report of 1991, which recommen-

ded investment of £700 to £750 million

for ten years to eliminate the backlog.

Next year investment will be only

Monday morning sees the launch of

the London Tube Campaign, the aim

of which is to raise awareness of the

funding shortfall and to persuade the

Government to review London Trans-

port's financial settlement as outlined

in the last Budget. The campaign brings together business, voluntary,

leisure and commuter organisations

in a wide-ranging coalition of London

interests who wish to see a properly

funded and reliable modern metro

As financial supporters of the cam-

paign, our message to all political par-

ties is that amid the recent speculation

about long-term options for the Un-

derground, we cannot lose sight of its immediate financial needs. The cur-

rent levels of funding are inadequate

for London's competitiveness and that

of the UK economy as a whole.

(Senior Partner, Nabarro Nathanson),

Yours sincerely.

Kvaerner plc).

DAVID BRAMSON

KEITH CLARKE (Executive Vice-President

£340 million.

London's Tube

ALAN JONES (Chief Executive, BICC plc), NICK LAND (Senior Partner, Ernst & Young),

London First. Caxton House, 6 Tothill Street, SWI. March 15.

**Arts Council subsidies** 

sands of country people who have From Dr Anthony Field

Sir. It is not surprising to read that Lord McAlpine hated his time on the Arts Council (Features, March 7, except Scottish editions). It is ludicrous to make political appointments of people who appear to have so little ac-

quaintance with the council's work or its finances. Lord McAlpine says that it was never satisfactorily explained to him why council money should be spent on a tour of Oklahoma! The reasons for that investment were clearly explained to the council at the time as well as

in my finance director's notes in the council's annual reports and accounts. In 1980-81 the council offered Cameron Mackintosh Productions Ltd a

guarantee of £70,000 to tour this Leicester Haymarket production. This was both to enable the Leicester theatre to exploit its Christmas production and to assist a number of large regional theatres to stay open and available for the council's programme of touring opera and dance companies. In the event this production of Oklahoma! proved so successful that after the tour it moved into the Palace Theatre in London for an extended

run and the share of profits from the tour and the West End was reflected in the council's annual published accounts from 1980 to 1983. The Leicester theatre's share of profits was also reflected in its accounts for those

Yours truly ANTHONY FIELD (Finance Director, Arts Council, 1958-85), 152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2. March II.

Goldwyn's wisdom

From Mr P. R. Edwards

Sir, I think Kathy Lette (Diary, March II) had in mind a "Goldwynism" when saying: "Men think monogamy is something you make furniture

Sam Goldwyn is reputed to have said that monogamy was OK in the of-fice, but at home he preferred white

Yours faithfully, P. R. EDWARDS, 3 Aspin Lane, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

Too close for comfort From Sir George Cooper

Sir. I have become accustomed to my bank allocating me a Relationship Manager, though my wife is (thankfully) reluctant to enter into a relationship with hers. But today I have received a letter from a magazine sub-

scriptions service signed by a lady cal-ling herself the Head of Fulfilment. What am I to do? Yours etc. G. COOPER. Mulberry Cottage,

37 Mulberry Green, Old Harlow, Essex. March 12

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ployment policy is to publish results

only where II or more pupils have taken the tests. Ten pupils from this

school took the tests last summer, of whom 80 per cent achieved Level 4 or above in English, 60 per cent in maths

and 90 per cent in science, putting the

school in the top 25 per cent of Oxfordshire schools.

Yours faithfully.

JENNY POND.

Dorchester St Birinus Church of England School,

From Dr John Herbert

school league tables.

length and weight.

JOHN HERBERT.

17 Gelli Avenue, Risca, Gwent.

Sir. On the day primary school league

tables are published, showing my children's school as the best placed in

Cambridge, I receive from the chair-

man of governors a letter explaining

that, owing to less funding per pupil

this year, they will have no choice but

to make redundancies in the teaching

I wonder just what message the

Government would like me to take

by the farmers. This will mean consid-

erable loss of pleasure to many thou-

been hunting for many hundreds of

years. It will also mean considerably

less pleasure to the foxes, as they are

hard to kill and most will be wounded

and die painfully over several days.

To describe field sports enthusiasts

as "braying asses" and "oafs" is not an

Kingsbury House, 15/17 King Street, St James's, SWI.

Sir, At the end of a long and blameless

life trying - albeit without great dis-

tinction - to serve my country, my

community and my family and friends. I find it hard to accept, especi-

ally from strangers, that, because I en-

joy game shooting, I am a "braying

Strongly held and forcefully ex-

I would be more inclined to accept

Father Bown's criticisms if we had

identified any of those who kept the

money. Despite considerable interest from the rest of the media, the pro-

He returned his cheque but many

others in our honesty test did not. Vic-

ars and priests were only just in front

of used-car dealers from east London

and well behind Members of Par-

(Producer-director, World in Action),

gramme did not name them.

pressed opinions in debate are to be

expected. Bad manners are not.

Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire.

LIONEL ALEXANDER,

Yours faithfully

was transmitted.

Yours faithfully.

ROGER CORKE

Granada Television.

Clunemore,

March I2

From Mr Sebastian Watt

Yours sincerely

Pendyffryn.

March II.

from this.

March II.

Yours faithfully,

March 11.

D. P. MARCHESSINI,

From Mr Lionel Alexander

Yours faithfully, SEBASTIAN WATT.

52 Highsett, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxford.

Sir, It seems these days that as much

is being spent in education on assess-

ment as on teachers' salaries. It has

cost £1 million to produce the primary

My wife is a governor of a small

infants' school with fewer than 50

children. She has left for a governors'

meeting with her agenda papers. I am

about to leave for an important com-

mittee meeting at a university. My

agenda papers equal hers in content,

When are we going to regain our

Head Teacher,

March 12.

## **ALBANIAN ANARCHY**

The EU should deploy an elite brigade of accountants

THETTIMES

Apparently haunted by their collective failure in Bosnia, Eueopean Union foreign ministers meeting informally in The Netherlands yesterday issued their response. The communiqué emphasised their strong commitment to assisting Albania in its efforts to restore civilian structures and the rule of law. With that, the 15 politicians decided to dispatch military and political

advisers, but not troops, to Tirana. In truth, there was little more they either could or should do. Those fine words will have little impact in Albania, not least because there is no organised authority available to be so affected. Europe's poorest nation has slipped into a condition of simple anarchy, more akin to the "failed states" of Africa — Liberia and Somalia — than to any this continent has recently experienced. To detect subtle political manoeuvres behind the current conditions of total lawlessness is to be too rational. Albania is a country in a state of implosion. This might well be exploited by partisan forces, including the former Stalinists, but it has not been created

by them nor is it under their control. For that reason, a comparison with the former Yugoslavia is inaccurate and unhelpful. In that case organised factions emerged along ethnic lines and in a highly orchestrated fashion deliberately committed the worst atrocities seen in Europe since 1945. That this happened, with little restraint, and could ultimately be dealt with only by American intervention, even then of an inconsistent sort, was a shameful indictment of Western Europe. Albania is different. The whole country is embarked upon an apparently unstoppable uprising; a revolt without leaders, philosophy, or strategy in the conventional sense. Its sole coherent objective is the removal of Sali Berisha from the presidential palace. Beyond that, even the participants are clueless. abated and the rule of law restored.

President Berisha's new offer to resign if his party is defeated in fresh elections would, in ordinary circumstances, be seen as magnanimous and a reasonable formula for the restoration of order. Unfortunately, events have travelled beyond the point at which reason can be applied. The EU are unlikely to meet Mr Berisha: the anarchy and obvious indifference of the armed forces do not bode well for his survival. Those who wish to limit the damage that Albania inflicts upon itself, which is a proper objective for Europe's statesmen, had better turn to how best to restore confidence once

events have run their course. In that context the original cause of this crisis, fraudulent pyramid schemes and their aftermath, must be revisited. To outsiders it might seem odd that the Albanian Government should suffer for commercial malpractice. Matters are rather more complex. The Democratic Party headed by Mr Berisha was lavishly funded by the directors of these dubious enterprises. It also benefited from the artificial "feelgood" factor they encouraged. By these means it won a rigged parliamentary contest last year. This may well have influenced its decision not to apply appropriate regulations to the pyramid companies. Street violence may be destructive, but it is based

on more than unfocussed anger. The EU should indeed act in Albania but through an elite brigade of accountants and economists. The essential issue now is how to get that country through to parliamentary elections in one piece and then perform the necessary fiscal surgery that will enable whoever is elected to ensure stability. This may necessitate considerable humanitarian aid in the very short term and financial contributions in the short-medium term. It is the only route by which anarchy will be

### **CAR WARS**

The campaign now standing at platform number one... Whether voters feel exhilarated or dispirited at the prospect of a long election campaign after a lengthy build-up, an old truth bears repeating. However glib the soundbites, however skilfully evasive the ministers and their shadows, voters now have their rare opportunity to let politicians know what they think are the important issues and what they think should be done about them. Newspapers, radio and television have the duty

not only to report the politicians but to listen: to the electorate's drumbeat as well. Every Monday for the past eight weeks we have been setting out the issues facing the country. Today's subject is transport policy: it will never decide a general election but it is an important subject on the public mind. And the public is fed up with neglect of the country's transport system. The Conservatives have discovered, too late, that good transport is vital not only to business efficiency and global competitiveness but to the quality of daily life. Since 1979 there have been 11 Transport Secretaries, each staying on average no more than 18 months. The department has been used as a transit station for Cabinet ministers on their way out or a proving ground for those groomed for higher things. None has stayed long

enough to make any impression on a demoralised department. Things have begun to change. The Government has realised that postwar reliance on the private car was leading towards national gridlock and environ-mental misery. Roadbuilding was unable to keep pace with rising traffic volume. The old policy of "predict and provide" was not only inordinately expensive; it was eating up countryside and destroying cities at a rate

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meant revitalising public transport. But years of underinvestment, especially in the London Underground, has left systems in need of such huge sums of money that there is little the Government can do in the short term to halt, let alone reverse, the decline in

services and provision. In the long term, privatisation was seen as the answer. The Government paid a heavy electoral-cost for the implementation of this policy. Rail privatisation has been complex. protracted and muddled by financial uncertainty. The overall shift is right: there is no other alternative to privatisation which will generate the money and innovation so obviously needed. But the benefits, although now more likely than sceptics anticipated,

have not flowed fast enough to assuage public opinion. South West Trains, the first franchise to be granted, may be the first casualty. By making 70 drivers redundant in January, Stagecoach, the operator, has been forced to cancel hundreds of trains servicing the Conservative-voting counties southwest of London. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, who launched Britain's first private mainline service from Waterloo a year ago with glowing praise, has now described the company as inept. The rail franchise director is threatening a £1 million fine. The row has wiped more than £250

million off rail operators' shares. And critics have invaluable electoral ammunition. The only comfort for the Govenment is that Labour has been equally insouciant and ill-prepared to offer realistic alternatives. That will not comfort vexed commuters or relieve motorists' frustration. It is a warning. however. Transport is just one area where the next government must prove itself a lot

## that alarmed not only environmentalists. Car numbers had to be curbed; and that

### **POSTERITY PUZZLE**

Posterity gives every man his true value, Tacitus claimed. Posterity is as likely to be wrong as anyone else, the American journalist Heywood Broun countered 18 centuries later. Both poles of argument look a little crude in the light of the odd history of Enoch Soames. Is it possible to confuse even

the rigorous judgment of posterity? The British Library is being asked how it plans to mark one of the most resonant dates ever to appear in a short story: June 3, 1997. Max Beerbohm's story Enoch Soames, set exactly a century ago, recalls the final day in the life of Enoch Soames, an unprepossessing poet with a small beard and no talent for poetry. But Soames is obsessed by his own

place in literary history. On June 3, 1997. Soames is approached by a plausible gentleman who introduces himself as the Devil. Soames can have five hours in the British Museum Reading Room of June 1997 to discover what posterity thinks of him, says the Devil, if he descends to Hell immediately afterwards. Soames travels through time to the domed Reading Room — he is spared the new British Library in St Pancras - and is appalled to find that

he has left no mark on history. First published in 1919, Enoch Soames strikes a nerve with a light-hearted but acute treatment of artists' yearning to know how they might be remembered after death. The imminence of the date of Soames's flying visit to this century has produced a peculiar paradox. The man who never existed and

who wrote nothing worth remembering has now become a minor literary cult. Enoch Soames fans want to meet in the Reading Room on June 3. Spoof lectures on post-feminist analysis of Soames's collection,

Fungoid, may be delivered. awareness that his correspondence might be

read by generations not yet born when he first wrote them.

How to commemorate an event which never occurred

The judgment of posterity is not a gradual elimination of doubt about the timeless quality of a book, painting or poem; recognition is a fickle bubble. John Donne was neglected for more than a century before his poetry was revived. Jane Austen's original gravestone, in Winchester Cathedral, carries no reference to the fact that she was a writer. Who now reads Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate when Max Beerbohm first published Enoch Soames? Few artists can master the trick of influencing their ratings after death. T.S.Eliot ceased to write poetry after the Four Quartets and switched to plays, perhaps fearful that further poems could only detract from his fame. Even in his letters he betrays an

Technology may alter the slow sifting of reputation. Digital data can be stored in almost limitless quantities: publishers no longer control what is available by selecting works for printing. A database has already been begun which plans to include all British poetry, however bad. Why should it not expand to include the neglected work of **Enoch Soames?** 

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Informed choice of primary school

From Mr John McNicholas

Sir, In his article on the publication of

primary school league tables ("Who will be top of the class?", March 10),

John O'Leary states that "parents will

finally [my italics] have some objective

information on primary schools". He

repeats the fallacy two paragraphs

later — that parents "have had to make their choice of school solely [my

italics on impressions and local

Since 1993 primary schools have been obliged to include in their writ-

ten information for parents contained

in the school brochure/prospectus, the

percentages of their pupils attaining

the different levels in the national

curriculum tests in English, maths

It is this regulation which makes

the publication of league tables superfluous. Parents already know,

before they come to make a choice of

primary school, the few (indeed it may

only be one) that are logistically

accessible for their children. A visit by

them to a school will produce not only

a reliable first-hand impression but the hard facts about children's ach-

ievement in the school. And if the

school is too far away to visit it is

hardly likely to be near enough for

I am glad that, on the adjacent page

(article, "Now, make your choice"),

John O'Leary almost recants, admit-

ting that up-to-date test results are

also contained in schools' annual re-

(President, National Association

of Head Teachers, 1994-95).

Hornsea, East Yorkshire.

From the Head Teacher

of Dorchester St Birinus Church of England School

Sir, Many proud pupils, parents,

governors and teachers will be dis-

appointed to find that their schools

were omitted from the primary school

In many cases this was because the

Department for Education and Em-

Sir, Like most vociferous opponents of

field sports, Mr Douglas Porter (let-

ter, March 11) is singularly unin-

formed about the subject. He suggests

that in hare coursing, two hounds run

down a "captive hare" which has no

realistic chance to escape. The truth is

that there are exits on both sides of the

coursing field and the hare usually

escapes. The dogs are given points on how often they make the hare turn and how difficult they make it for him

to escape. It is rare that they actually

On the subject of shooting, the only

reason that pheasants and partridges

exist in this country is because they

are reared for shooting, and that if

this disappeared so would the birds.

As for there being hardly any sport in

shooting, there are countless shoots in

England where the birds come at

what seems to be a stratospheric

height, and where few are brought

Finally, as regards hunting, anyone

who is at all knowledgeable about

country pursuits knows that foxes are

one of the few animals that kill for

pleasure. They are vermin that are a

danger to farm animals and if not

hunted by hounds will have to be shot

Sir, I am sorry that the Rev Francis

Bown (letter, March 11) thought that

the World in Action programme des-

cended into "the gutter" when we sent

him money from a bogus company.

The exercise was part of our investi-

gation into the honesty of the British

people. With so many commentators

questioning the integrity of those in

public life, it seemed to us that honesty

was just as legitimate a subject as

We have now written to all those

who did not keep the money and ex-

plained why they received the letter.

For obvious reasons, we could not

contact people before the programme

A test of honesty

From Mr Roger Corke

their children to attend.

JOHN McNICHOLAS

Yours sincerely.

Orchard House

Rolston Road,

league tables.

Field sports

catch him.

From Mr D. P. Marchessini

March 10.

reputation".

and science.

#### Achievements of ʻunlucky' Berisha

From Lord Bethell

Sir, When I was first in Albania in 1988 the country was in the grip of Stalinist tyrants, supposedly elected by a 100 per cent vote of the Albanian people. No private citizen could own a car or travel abroad or practise the

Christian or Muslim religion.
The prisons were full of political prisoners, some of whom had been kept in terrible conditions for more than 40 years. Every few days some poor Albanian was shot trying to swim from

Sarande to Corfu on a rubber ring.

I was taken to the Secret Police Museum and shown pictures of the "fascist imperialists" David Smiley and Julian Amery (report and photo-graphs, March 7), brave men who deserved medals for helping to liberate Albania from Italian and German occupation. In those days Albanian attitudes to Britain were hostile and

we had no diplomatic relations. Mahomet Kaplani, the deputy Foreign Minister, told me that religion was a plague bacillus and that Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, was a

traitor and a heretic. "It is not true that we arrest people for going to church," he said. "How

can we? There are no churches." Three years later I found that Dr Sali Berisha was bravely building up an Albanian opposition, in the wake of a fair amount of Stalinist bloodshed. He piloted Albania to a measure of democracy, with a vigorous press and the freest elections in its history, which he won in 1992. One of his first actions was to erect a memorial to the British agents who died in Albania

Sir Reginald Hibbert (letter, March 13) is therefore wrong, in my view, to compare Sali Berisha to the Stalinist leader Enver Hoxha. The latter kept his people in poverty, closed from the world and subject to the whims of a

Communist Party that no citizen was allowed to challenge.
On the other hand Mr Berisha, in spite of his faults, did his best to build a free economy and a multiparty system. He did not, as the Communists did in 1990, order his men to fire on unarmed demonstrators. He was unlucky, but the path he chose for his country had merit, Soon, I hope, more fortunate Albanian democrats will fol-

low his example. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS BETHELL, Manor Farm, Brill. Buckinghamshire.

March 14.

#### Gorbachev's legacy

From Professor Archie Brown, FBA Sir, Mr Oleg Gordievsky's letter (March 12) about Mikhail Gorbachev s wildly misleading. When blood was shed these were one-night excesses which Gorbachev never allowed to be-

come the sustained slaughter that Boris Yeltsin permitted over 18 months in Chechnya. In one case cited by Mr Gordievsky, Tbilisi 1989, a parliamentary committee of inquiry, headed by two deputies closer to Yeltsin than to Gorbachev -Anatoli Sobchak and Sergei Stankevich - cleared Gorbachev of any responsibility. Indeed, as I have shown in my book. The Gorbachev Factor.

the killings occurred because his explicit instructions were disregarded. On the broader issue of free elections, after centuries of authoritarian government and 70 years of Communist rule Russia could not move to "free elections ... and a multiparty system" in one fell swoop. Even today, with the exception of the Communists'

organisation, party formation in Russia remains weak. What Gorbachev decided upon in the summer of 1988 and implemented the following spring was the move to contested elections (albeit imperfectly democratic) for a legislature in which real debate took place and from where the highly critical remarks of deputies were broadcast to tens of millions of

Soviet television viewers. After that things could never be the same again. A fairer observer than Mr Gordievsky - though from the Yeltsin rather than Gorbachev camp - Mr Yegor Gaidar has said that it is impossible to overestimate what Gorbachev did for

Russian freedom. On that he was Yorus faithfully. ARCHIL BROWN (Sub-Warden).

St Antony's College, Oxford.

Jamaican economy

March 13.

money.

R. IRVING.

March 8.

57 York Street, WL

From Mr Ronald Irving Sir. The extent of the failure of the economic policies of Michael Manley (Ohimary, March 8) was summed upfor me by the cashier in a supermarket in Jamaica a couple of years ago: He promised us equality and gave us poverty. They have stolen our

This was in reply to my remark about the astonishing inflation since my last holiday in Jamaica. Yours faithfully.

Sport letters, page 37

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#### The London Television Centre. Upper Ground. SE1. March 13.

Crichel Down affair

many others.

From Mr J. A. Bey Sir, Dr R. J. Lamden resuscitates the old canard (letter, March 7) that Sir Thomas Dugdale resigned as Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in 1954 on a matter (the Crichel Down affair) badly mishandled by the Civil Service and of which [he] had no

knowledge". The late I. F. Nicolson showed in his book The Mystery of Crichel Down (Clarendon Press, 1986), written after the expiry of the 30-year rule, that Sir Thomas Dugdale in fact personally approved the decision which was the motivating factor in his resignation.

The case cannot therefore be fairly

Yours faithfully. J. A. BEY. 55 Birling Road. Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

circumstances.

Israel's 'candid friends' From Mr A. J. Cotton

publicly as distinct from privately,

problems are usually complex and too

many Jews in the Diaspora often

Sir, No doubt Jews living outside Israel do have the right to criticise her (Mr David Weizmann's letter, March 7) but whether they should do so

and whether such expression is as helpful to the State as "candid friends" would wish, is a matter on which there are opposing views. My wife and I had our home in Israel for nearly 12 years. Our son and daughter served in the Israeli Defence Forces, and I do not agree with Mr Weizmann, One reason is that Israel's

quoted as a precedent for the proper express uninformed opinion too conduct of ministers in the present quickly. Yours etc, A. J. COTTON, 6 Cedar Court,

Sheen Lane, SW14. March 7.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 15: The Duke of Edinburgh. President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this morning visited the offices of World Wide Fund for Nature - Tokyo, Japan, and this afternoon left Japan to fly to

His Royal Highness later arrived at Khabarovsk, Eastern The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Dinner for

World Wide Fund for Nature at the Karat Hotel, Khabarovsk. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

March 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Captain Timothy

Laurence RN, today attended the International Match between France and Scotland at Parc des Princes, Paris, and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Sir Michael Jay).

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, today visited the Great Khekhtsyr State Nature Reserve, Eastern Russia.

Mr Nicholas Stewart Archer of the Foreign Office has been appointed Assistant Private Secretary to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Mr Archer will take up his post on March 24, 1997.

#### Birthdays today

Lord Justice Aldous, 61: Professor J.R. Baines, Egyptologist, 51: Sir Donald Barron, former chairman. Midiand Bank. 76; Viscount Bridport, 49: Alderman Sir John Chalstrey, former Lord Mayor of London, 66: Mr Terry Dicks, MP. 60: Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor, Hull University, 59; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 81: Sir Arthur Hockaday, former Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 71; Professor G.M. Hughes, zoologist. 71: Sir Robin Knox-Johnston. yachtsman, 58: the Earl of Lauderdale, 86: Professor John Lill. pianist, 53; Mrs Penelope Lively. writer. 64; Mr Alexander

Sir Ramsay Melhuish, diplomat. 65; Lady (James) Mellon, former chairman, Volunteer Development Scotland, 68; the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 59; Mr Ton Rathbone, MP, 64: Sir Patrick Reilly, diplomat, 88: Mr Kurt Russell, actor, 46; Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 60: Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP, 60: Sir Patrick Sergeant, founder, Euromoney Publications, 73; Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist, 81. and his son Mr Max Stafford-Clark, former artistic director, Royal Court Theatre, 50: Mr Michael Whitaker, showjumper, 37.

#### Nature notes

THE first summer visitors are back. Wheatears are stopping to feed on playing fields as they make their way to the moors: they are lively, grey birds with black wings and eyepatches, that like to perch on little mounds. When they fly off over the grass they show a conspicuous white

Chiffchaffs are back in the treetops singing vigorously while they dart at early flies: they are small olive-brown birds and their song is the double clinking note that gives them their name. Blackbirds and song-thrushes are beginning to build their nests in the hedges: the blackbird's nest is lined with fine grass, while the thrush's nest has a hard mud interior with no

Lesser celandines are now opening everywhere on mudpointed yellow stars each



The lively wheatear

grow on an individual stalk. Pale green horse-chestnut leaves are breaking out of the sticky buds, pushing the pink scales aside. On hornbeams. there are soft crimson and yellow catkins, and the first spiky leaf buds are just beginning to open. Bumble-bees are humming over the new flowers. They are all queen bees that were fertilised last year, and they will now make their underground nests and

DJM | boys.

#### Today's royal engagements

Oveen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will present shamrock to the Irish Guards at Pirbright at 11.30 to mark St Patrick's Day. The Prince of Wales will visit the offices of the North Level Drainage Board, Thorney, Cambridgeshire at 2.25 to mark the liftieth anniversary of the 1947 floods; and will visit Peterborough Cathedral to view the restoration work of the trust at 3 IS

The Princess Royal will open Scottish Power's new business park at Catheart. Spean Street, Glasgow, at I.; will open the Scottish Engineering Centre in Glasgow for the Institution of Electrical Engineers at St Enoch Square at 240; as Patron of the World Culinary Grand Prix 1997. will open the competition at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, at 4; and will attend the Hospitality Trust for Scotland's Industry dinner at the Glasgow Thistle Hotel at 7.15. The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will launch the Surrey Scholars' Scheme at St James's Palace at 12.15.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Chalmers, ist Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland (1843-47), Anstruther. 1780; Edmund Kean, actor. London, 1789; Kate Greenaway, illustrator, London, 1846; Mar-garet Bondfield, first woman chairman of the Trades Union Congress 1923, first woman Cabinet minister 1929-31. Chard. Somerset, 1873.

DEATHS: Harold, King of the English 1035-40, Oxford, 1040; Philip Massinger, dramatist. Philip Massinger, dramatist. London, 1640; François Duc de La Rochefoucauld, writer, Paris, 1680; David Dale, industrialist and philanthropist, Glasgow, 1806; Christian Doppler, physicist, Ven-ice, 1853; Isaac Babel, short story writer, Russia, 1941.

Today is the Feast of St Patrick. Apostle of the Irish. Dr Marie Stopes opened Britain's first birth control clinic in north London, 1921.

#### Tonbridge School The following Music and Art

Scholarships awards have been made for 1997:

Music Scholarships
Jan Ball. The New Beacon, sevenoaks; William Bryant, Hall Grove, Bagshott; Joachim Chan, St John's College School, Cambridge; Alexander Clissold-Jones. St George's School, Windsor, David Cooper, Dulwich Preparatory School, Cranbrook, Robyn Owen-Bradley, Hilden Grange, Tonbridge; Thomas Stevenson-Rouse, St Edmund's Junior School, Canterbury; Mark Thornton, St Edmund's Junior School, Canterbury: Marthew Mitchell, The Judd School, Tonbridge.

Tonbridge.
Music Exhibitions
Freddie Chillcott, The New
Beacon, Sevenoaks: Oliver
Gascoigne, Temple Grove with St
Nicholas. Uckfield; Alex
Holbourn. Tower House, East
Sheen.

Sheen.
Art Scholarships
Joachim Chan, St John's College
School, Cambridge: Julien Hunt.
Milbourne Lodge. Esher. David
Jenkins, Solefield School,
Sevenoaks. Tonbridge School is a charitable

Sailor brother inspired Jane Austen severance to the East Indies. Four years later be was described as "a short, slight young man with a soft voice and gentlemanly manners but formidably firm. independent and efficient: a disciplinarian with a meticulous eye for detail. The qualities never left him. Once, he

Francis Austen, who became an Admiral of the Fleet, and his awards and medals that are to be sold this month

noticed a brother officer swimming in the sea pursued by a shark and shouted: "Mr Pakenham, you are in danger of a shark - a shark of the blue species." He was an heroic figure to Jane, who dedicated two early stories to him and also made reference to her brother in her History of England.

Francis Austen saw action on a succession of ships. After being appointed captain of the Petrel. a 14-gun sloop. he destroyed 40 enemy ships. He once took on three French vessels, driving two onto the rocks and capturing a third.

Nelson wrote of him as "an excellent young man". Francis was in the build-up to Trafalgar but to his regret missed the battle when his ship was among four vessels sent for water and provisions to Gibraltar.

Jane Austen's brother, like many seamen, was good with a needle and thread. The novelist used that ability in the character of Captain Harville in Persuasion. Francis confirmed many years later that some of the captain's domestic habits, tastes and occupations bear a strong resemblance to mine".

He was appointed CB in 1815 and advanced to KCB in 1838. The two insignia, his gold medal won for his part in the battle of St Domingo, and Naval General Service awards 1793-1840 will be sold by Dix Noonan and Webb in London on March 25.

Viscount Norwich read poetry. Mr Christopher Hampton, Dr Richard Cooper, a Fellow of Brasenose, and Dr Alan Ryan, Warden of New College, gave

Antonio Rosmini-Serbati A Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, on Saturday, March 22, at 2.30pm in Westminster Cathedral, to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of Antonio Rosmini, priest, philosopher and patriot, Founder of the Institute of Charity (Rosminian Fathers). All welcome, no tickets required.

#### Forthcoming ... marriages

Mr M.J.L. Bibby and Dr F.M. Willen

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs JL. Bibin, of Gressingham. Lancashire, and Francis, daughter of Mr and Mrs GJ. Willen, of Dunley, Worcestershire.

Mr O.A. Coiman and Mrs E.C. Blake

The engagement is announced between Olay, som of Mr and Mrs. Anthony Colman, of Mojacar. Spain, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Trevor. of Northborough.

Mr H.C.G. Raymor and Miss L.A.M. Wells

The engagement is announced hetween Hugo, eldest son of Mr. and Mr. William Raymond of Clapton-in-Gordano, Somerset, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mir and Mrs John Wells, of Barnes,

Mr R.I. Trevillion and Miss K.F. Adeock

The engagement is announced berween Richard, son of Mr and Mrs D. Trevillion, of Worcester, and Kylie, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Adcock, of Brisbane,

#### **Marriages**

Mr J.R.E. Rankin and Miss J.E.L. Clark

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Temple Church of Mr-James Rowland Evelyn Rankin, younger son of the late Mr Charles Rankin and of Lady Bayliss, of Onslow Square, London, to Miss Jane Clark, eldest daughter of Mr John Clark, of Gainesville, Florida, and of Mrs Georgina Clark, of Kingston, Surrey. Canon Joseph. Robinson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Isabella Brown, Julia de Boinville and Molly Stewart. Mr. Edward Brown was best man. A reception was held at the Inner Temple and the honeymoon will be spent in the Maldives.

Mr R.J. Oldfield

and Miss A.K. de Moubray The marriage took place on March 15. 1997, at St Lawrence's, Knodishall-cum-Buxlow, Suffolk. between Richard, son of the late Mr Christopher Oldfield and of: Mrs Brian Ford, of Duddington Place, Sittingbourne, Kent. and Amicia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy de Moubray, of Buxlow Manor. Saxmundham. Sulfolk. The Rev Christine Brooks officiated.

Mr T.G. Wikstrom and Miss L.A.C. Sjoholm

London. The Rev L. Sjostrom

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## Praise the Lord, all nations, extol him, all you peoples: for his love protecting us is strong. Psaim 117

BIRTHS

CARROLL - On March 11th at The Fortland Hospital, to judy and Conor, a daughter Natalie Siobhan. COMMING - On March 10th to

WALLBANK - Debra (née Froeman) and Benedict are delighted to announce the birth of their son Augustine Newell on the 10th March 1997, a brother for Bartholomes

WALSH - On 10th March 1997 at the Royal Free Hampstead to Imelda (née Walsh) and Andrew Bratt, a daughter Niamh Elizabeth.

DEATHS

BAIRD - James Richard Gardiner, 10th Baronet on Thursday March 13th. Beloved husband of Gay. Funeral St. Andrew's Church, Gaist, Norfolk Thursday 20th March at 3pm. No flowers, but donations to Injured Jockson 448 Bio flowers, but donations of Injured Jockeys, 4A High

Hartfordshire.

BAKER BAKER - Oswald Frank, on 14th March 1997, peacefully at home, beloved husband of Anne, dear father of Katharine, Juliet and William and proud grandfather of ten grandfather of ten grandfather. Funeral at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kirriemulr, Angus at 12: moon on Friday 21st March 1997 followed by private family burlal Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, to Macmillan Nurses.

BUTTERWORTH - Peacefully on 13th March 1997 at bome. Harold Sheeran aged 82 years. Dearly beloved husband of Freda, father of David and Ann, and grandpa to Elchard, Nichael and Late. Funeral Services at St John's Church, Burgess Hill on 19th March at 11.30am followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to "BEN" c/o Wm. Colling & Son. 43 Station Read, Burgees Hill, West Susser RH15 9DE. Tel: 01444 871515.

Tel: 01444 871515.

CHOPRA - Doctor Yogendra
Nath, on 14th March 1997,
aged 73, peacefully died in
hospital. Beleved father of
his children Ashok, Miram
and Ram, beloved
grandfather and father-inlaw. Lovingly remembered
by his Indian family,
relatives and friends.
Funeral on Wednesday 19th
March. Ceremony at 10,00
am at Chani House, Lower
Park Road, London N11
(Indian funeral) and at (Indian funeral) and at 11.00 nm West London Cremmorium, Harrow Road London W10. Beception afterwards, friends welcome. CHOPRA - Yogendra peacefully after a short illness. Beloved

friend of Barbara Neild.

father of Priscilla and jeremy, Funeral at St Peter and Paul, Steeple Morden, Cambs on Friday 21st March at 200pm. Family flowers only, but if wished, donations to A T Wright, Funeral Director, Steeple Morden (01763 852246) which will be divided between Save the Children and Camphill Village Trust. Jean and Tim, a daughter, Sophle, a sister for Alsha and

COLE - Iven, March 13th, Pynes, Exeter, sometime Classics Master and Director of Music at Elizabeth College, Guernsey, at Sevenaaks School, at Exeter School Funeral March 24th, 2pm at Upton Pyne Church. No flowers.

No flowers.

GALLOWAY - On March 12th in hospital Dennis Charles Galloway a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in Bishop Auckland from 1948 until his retirement in 1978. Dearly loved husband of Margaret and much loved father, father-in-law and adverd grandfather. Funesal Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church. St. Asdrew, Aycliffe village near Darlington Friday 21st March at 11am. Prior to cremation, family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired to The Durbam Willife Association c/o john Meyhell Funeral Home, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe.

GARBEIT - On March 14th

GARBETT - On March 14th after a long illness, Michael, dearly beloved busband, father, grandfather and brother, Private cremation. Any donations in his memory to Memorial Care

Conre, age.

GITTINGS - ]o, writer and blographer (also under the name of Jo Manton), peacefully on lith March at Wasthampnett House, Chichester, aged 77. There will be a private (amily funeral; a memorial event will be held in East Dean on 6th September. Donations welcome to Voluntary Service Overseas, 317 Putney Bridge Road, London SW16 2PN.

GOSSIMG, Was late of Seint.

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GOSLING - Wyn, late of Beirut,
Lebenon, on March 14th, in
her 91st year, at the Surrey
County Hospital, Gulldford.
Widow of Frank, mother of
Christine and the late
Pauline, grandmother of
Francis, Andew and Anya,
great gundmother of Helen
and Christopher. Cremation
private. Service of and Christopher. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Hazlemere, Surrey at 330pm, on Friday, March 21st. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research or Marie Curie.

Hushard - Anthon Peacefully at Junectoff on 13th March Dear wife since 1969 of Jock. Much loved sister and auntie. Funeral Service, Tuesday 18th March, family only by request. Family flowers.

CLAYTON - On Thursday 13th
March 1997, peacefully at
home, James Amphlett
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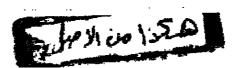
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Fred Zinnemann, film director, died in London on March 14 aged 89. He was born in Vienna on April 23, 1907,

red Zinnemann — known to his friends as Mr Zee — was one of the greatest directors from Hollywood's golden age. His work, intelligently distinguished and thoughtfully restrained, cast a long shadow over the movie-making world. He was admired for the diversity of his output which included costume drama, a big-budget musical, action and adventure films and quiet studies of human emotion. But what all his films had in common was a fastidious perfectionism and a ravishing visual panache.

Zinnemann's masterpieces include High Noon, arguably the greatest western ever made; From Here to Eternity, perhaps the finest war film; Oklahoma!, one of the most praised musicals; and A Man for All Seasons, among the most acclaimed historical dramas. He also made The Day of the Jackal, Julia and The Nun's Story. His array of awards and trophies include two best director and two best picture Oscars, nine Oscar nominations, three Golden Globes and a US Congressional Life Achievement Award.

Zinnemann's skill at unearthing obscure actors kick-started some of the most dazzling screen careers. Marlon Brando, Meryl Streep and Ava Gardner all made their debuts with him, while he gave Grace Kelly. Edward Fox and John Hurt their first roles of note. He showed an inspired facility to cast against type, giving Audrey Hep-burn, previously known for light comedy, a moving central role in The Nun's Story. Although Zinnemann made his last

movie in 1983, in latter years - an elderly mild-mannered Viennese man with an engagingly sweet smile — he took on something of the role of elder statesman. Directors such as Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese would make their way to his Mayfair home to seek his help and advice.

Yet he was conspicuously reluctant to make any grand assessments of himself, preferring to let the excellence of his beautifully crafted films speak instead. As he wrote in his autobiography Fred Zinnemann (1992): "All I have ever tried to do is say what I have to say in as simple a way as I can."

The son of a Jewish physician, Fred Zinnemann was born in Vienna and studied there as a law student. But as he entered his twenties he began to find the anti-Semitism of his native city claustrophobic. He would skip dreary law lectures and escape into the world of silent films. Cinema, he sensed, was a direct conduit to people's emotions, a new way of telling stories.

To his family's dismay, he abandoned his law studies before they were Tomplete. The lure of the world of

### FRED ZINNEMANN



movies was too strong. His polite eagerness to learn marked him out from the more usual extroverts, and he worked first in Paris (then one of only two European cities with a film school), and then in Berlin as an assistant on silent films. Using hand-cranked cameras and evaluating available light without the benefit of a meter, he had an apprenticeship, he said, which was to determine his approach to filmmaking for the next 50 years. He joined a young circle of film-makers and found himself working as an assistant cameraman on three films - one written by Billy Wilder, another starring the then unknown young actress. Marlene Dietrich.

He was 22, when he decided to leave Europe for America. "If I'd stayed, I'd be dead by now," he said. "Probably not even buried." His parents, who had remained in Vienna, perished in the Holocaust, He arrived in New York on Black Thursday, 1929, as Wall Street crashed, and made his way by Greyhound bus to Hollywood - a city then buzzing with ambitious Central European emigres just like him. But he also saw Scott Fitzgerald, he recalled, wandering aimlessly" around the MGM premises, a walking metaphor for the destruction which Hollywood could wreak on fragile talents.

His first job was as an extra in the

classic anti-war film All Quiet on the Western Front in 1930. But it was to be 1943 before he directed his first film. The Wave, for the Mexican Government, about fishermen on the Gulf Coast. Taking his cue from documentary film-makers, he used real fishermen

He signed a contract with MGM as director of documentaries and short films - it was to play a crucial part in his education, he said. The budgets were very small and the shooting schedule fight. "I got used to making a whole film in my head." He won his first Oscar for That Mothers Might Live in 1938 and, in 1941, directed his first full-length feature, Kid Glove

In the immediate postwar years, he became known as one of a number of Hollywood directors who formulated what he called "neo-realism", making films which dealt with the physical and emotional consequences of war - the fate of displaced orphans in The Search, of paraplegic servicemen in The Men - a film which introduced Marlon Brando - and of war brides in Teresa. The Search won an award, establishing Zinnemann as one of the most interesting young directors around. Its attributes were to inform his later work.

In 1951 he made High Noon, a film producer in Los Angeles.

about a brave marshal (Gary Cooper) standing alone against a vengeful gunman. A stock western was turned into a masterpiece. Zinnemann, and his cinematographer Floyd Crosby, agreed to shoot it like a newsreel: flat light, grainy textures, white sky. The theme — an individual making a stand of conscience - was picked up in his next film From Here to Eternity (1953), in which Montgomery Clift's role as a young army private victimised by his giory-hunting captain made him a star, for which he won the best director's award.

He became a fêted director, in demand for lavish, big-budget pictures. Oklahoma! (1955), A Man for All Scasons (1906). The Day of the Jackal (1973), and Julia (1977) were merely the most successful examples. Then in 1983 he made Five Days One Summer, a romance set in the Swiss Alps and starring Sean Connery. It was savaged by critics. The pendulum of fashion had swung, and the film was to become Zinnemann's swansong. Although he was tempted, briefly, to fight back with a film Born on the Fourth of July. Oliver Stone, the producer, decided to direct it himself.

In 1963 Zinnemann left America to live in London. Many of his films had been shot in Europe anyway, but he was also disgusted with the last remnants of McCarthyism, the anti-Communist witch-hunts whose excesses he had resisted throughout the 1950s. Though he often suggested that one day he would like to return to America, it was in England that he remained for the rest of his life. Based in London from then on, he watched the pendulum of fashion swing back in his favour. He was honoured with the Gold Medal of the City of Vienna in 1967 and the Order of Arts and Letters. France, in 1982. In old age Zinnemann no longer

managed to go to the movies. He was hard of hearing and could walk only with the aid of a stick. But he identified with the struggling British film industry, becoming president of the Direc-tors' Guild and a leading member of both the British Academy of Film & Television Arts and the British Film Institute during the 1980s. And if his mobility was impaired, his vigilance was not. He remained to the end, proudly and fiercely protective of his body of films. Only last month he forced a studio remaking his Day of the Jackal to change its name. He objected to the way the plot - orginally about an English assassin targeting a French President - was changed for the benefit of the star, Bruce Willis, to an all-American scenario. Zinnemann met his English wife,

Renée, when they were both working on a set at Paramount - she was working in the wardrobe department. They married in 1936. He is survived by her and by their son Tim, a film

### VICTOR VASARELY

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Victor Vasarely, the Hungarian-born French painter, sculptor and graphic artist, died on March 15 aged 88. He was born on April 9, 1908.

AFTER a period as a commercial artist in which he was able to explore the optical possibilities of graphic techniques, Victor Vasarely became a painter. He moved towards the geometrical abstraction for which he is best known and which made him a leading protagonist in Op Art whose heyday was the 1960s. Op, as typified by Vasarely (and others such as Bridget Riley in Britain), was to a certain extent a reaction to the emotional content of Abstract Expressionism. It harked back to an experimental purism in which the eye was used to activate the picture surfaces. Its hard-edged images had strong graphic potential. Easily re-producible, it became commercially popular.

Victor Vasarely was born Gyöző Vásárhelyi in the Hun-garian city of Pécs. He was originally intended for medicine and went to Budapest to begin his studies, but gave them up for art, working as a clerk to support himself and studying art first at the Podolini-Volkmann Academy and later in 1928-29 at the Mühely Academy of Sándor Bortnyik, the Bauhaus of Budapest".

Bortnyik imbued his pupils with the essence of abstract art as formulated by the Bauhaus and showed them how to apply these ideas to commercial graphics.

In 1930 Vasarely moved to Paris where for the next 15 years he was a commercial graphic artist, daily using the skills imparted in his Mühely period. From 1940 he experimented with Surrealist notions and gradually came to the perception that by purely formal means he could create visual sensations which invited those who experienced them to think anew about space, matter and energy, as scientific phenomena. Residence in Paris also caused Gyōzō Vasārhelyi to change his name to the more easily assimilable - to French ears and eyes - Victor Vasarely.

In the 1940s Vasarely turned to painting, and was discovered by Denise René. She first exhibited his paintings in 1944 and he became associated with the group of artists linked to her gallery, to which he remained faithful throughout his life.

From 1947 Vasarely had become finally wedded to the method of geometrical abstraction in which his most important work is done and he laid increasing emphasis on those visual ambiguities, eyecatching tricks, surprises and visual nudges in the ribs which were later taken up by Op Art, whose precursor and master he is generally recognised as being.

From 1955 Vasarely produced a number of manifestos in which he recorded the ways in which he had used optical phenomena in his art. He also experimented with Kinetic Art of which, in some senses, On may be seen as an offshoot. He came to have a reputation as the leading artist in his field and in 1964 won the Guggenheim Prize, and in the following year first prize at the São Paulo Biennial.

Vasarely never believed in the uniqueness of the work of art. To him the artist was simply an artisan who creates his artefacts at will and in volume, so that they can be accessible to the ordinary person. Thus to him the serigraph should be to an art lover what the paperback is to the pass-ionate reader. He also collaborated with architects in such projects as Caracas University, which has one of his reliefs in aluminium, and the French Pavilion at Expo '67 in

He was a master of selfpromotion, and the one-man museums which he set up at Château Gordes, Vaucluse, in 1970 and in Aix-en-Provence in 1971 are devoted to the fullest possible illustration of his art and technique. He established a personal museum in his native Pécs in 1975.

He took French citizenship in 1959 and received many honours including the Legion of Honour (Chevalier, 1970). He married, in 1930, Claire Spinner. She predeceased him in 1991. He is survived by their two sons, André and Jean

Pierre, the latter being better

known as the artist Yvaral.

#### Sir John Stow, GCMG. KCVO, first Governor-General of Barbados. 1966-67, died yesterday aged 85. He was born on October 3, 1911.

JOHN STOW possessed a liberal spirit, exemplifying the old Colonial Service at its best. From his first tour of duty in 1934, in Nigeria among the Ibo, he warmed, he said, to the human qualities of the hundreds of Africans and West Indians who made his life so rewarding in the many territories in which he served.

Stow had an ever-present sense of humour, which he kept to himself as discretion demanded. He was well aware how in small communities casual remarks can be magnified out of all proportion. His success in his last post, as Governor (1959-66) of Barbados and then as first Governor-General (November 1966-May 1967) owed much to this self-restraint in a loquacious island where all local calls were free, spreading bavardage speedily among its

old white families. Yet Stow detested any form of racial separation. When he arrived. Barbados was already fully self-governing. its House of Assembly no longer dominated by the plantocracy. as it had been for the previous three centuries, but by black and brown MPs from professional backgrounds

However, bastions of prejudice, as he put it, stubbornly survived: he regarded it as his duty to break these down whenever possible. The Royal Barbados Yacht Club was an exclusively white preserve. In response to its invitations. Stow told its committee that he could only come if accompanied by his brown ADC. To his delight the club was foolish enough to ask, shortly before independence, whether it could continue to use its

"Royal" prefix. After reference to Buckingham Palace the rep-ly came back that Her Majesty would act on the advice of her Barbadian ministers. In view of the club's past attitude, the Royal" title was denied. John Montague Stow was

born in Simla: both his father, Alexander Stow, and his maternal grandfather had been knighted for their services to the Indian Empire. Educated at Harrow, he was admitted to one of the school's larger houses, the Park, known for its athletes. One of his best friends there was Terence Rattigan - they excelling at rackets and at cricket. Stow played in the Eton-Harrow match in 1930.

He then went up to Pem-broke College, Cambridge, then very hearty, where he spent much of his time on cricket and football and played rackets for the university. He did not do well in the Classical Tripos, so coming

down in 1933 he took his father's advice: "You will probably not pass into the Indian Civil Service and in any case there will probably be no India to govern in a few years' time. You had better try the Colonial Service."

himself in Nigeria as an Assistant District Officer in a "bush" house of plastered red laterite mud. He was in sole charge of a small and remote district station: but with excellent advice from two friends whose kindness he never forgot, his African District Clerk and his house servant, he found his feet. Later he moved to the busy

city of Onitsha. The huge market there, where thousands of women ran their stalls, burnt down; he insisted it be redesigned, despite local dissent. Curiously, a little over ten years later, as Administrator of St Lucia, Stow was faced with an even greater lire. which destroyed the entire centre of the capital, Castries. This time he rushed to the scene on a fire engine horrowed from the local American base. For the next few months he was to be much occupied in rebuilding a virtu-

ally new town. His next move after Nigeria was to The Gambia in 1938. He worked there in the secretariat, mainly trying to put the colony in a state of readiness for the coming war. It was

In a few months he found

## SIR JOHN STOW



Sir John Stow (left), Governor of Barhados, with Errol Barrow on Independence Day, November 30, 1966

Beatrice Tryborne, a nursing sister at the general hospital. A transfer to the Eastern Caribbean followed in 1944 as Chief Secretary in the Wind-

there that he met and married ward Islands, serving under Governor Sir Arthur Grimble (author of A Pattern of Islands). The Windwards were unique in that they were run on a federal basis - the Governor, though based in Grenada, went on progresses through the group with an itinerant secretariat. Stow got to know all the islands, and was no stranger to St Lucia when he was appointed Administrator there at the early age of 36.

The West Indies, like many other parts of the colonial empire, were now in a transitional constitutional period: although the Administrator presided over the Legislative Council and was the head of the executive, it was increasingly the case that elected representatives had the power, while the Administrator had all the responsibility. All depended on good relationber, something Stow was good at. He mixed easily with the islanders in their relaxed relations between races, a far cry from his early days in Nigeria, when he was reported to higher authority for dancing with local girls. Sport helped: he captained the St Lucia cricket side in the Inter-Windwards competition in 1952 and even played rackets on an Edwardian court made for the last British Army garrison.

in 1952 he was moved to a larger scene as Director of Establishments in Kenya. Stow was shocked by the segregation between Africans and Europeans on the rail journey to Nairobi, and by the three scales of pay for the same work, for Europeans, Asians and Africans. He was to assist in their removal. Throughout 1954 he acted as Minister for Education, Labour and Lands and in his last six months was Speaker of the Legislative Council. In 1955, knowing he felt

more at home in the Caribbean, he returned as Colonial Secretary in Jamaica, then full of the drive and energy generated by the Government of Norman Manley and the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot (later Lord Caradon). Full self-government had yet to be estab-lished, and the Colonial Secretary was considered the most hard-worked man in Jamaica. Stow was mainly engaged in 1956 on the change to full internal self-government which came in 1957. The hard grind was over.

Stow now felt that, with the contraction in the Colonial Service, the possibility of a job outside it needed to be explored: but instead, to his delight, he was appointed Governor of Barbados in May 1959. His mother already lived there, having remarried into an old Barbadian family.

The Barbadian leader Errol Barrow, to whom Stow was never close, believed that a smaller federal Eastern Carribean state could emerge from the wreck of the Federation of the West Indies. This was first dubbed the Little Eight and then the Little Seven

as Grenada dropped out. Stow was made chairman of a regional council of ministers, even thought as Governor of Barbados he had reservations about a possible conflict of interest.

In any event, the effort to join together collapsed in a conflict of personalities and political jealousies. Barrow announced his intention of going it alone and, after an election early in the same month, at midnight on November 29, 1966, independence came amid scenes of great enthusiasm, captured in a photograph, famous in the island, of Stow raising Barrow's hand as the new flag broke free.

Stow was paid the compliment of being asked to stay on as the new nation's first Governor-General, leaving Barba-dos and the Colonial Service in May 1967. He worked in the City for ten years with the insurance brokers Stewart Wrightson and gave much of his time to the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, of which he was chairman for three years. From 1977 he was among those who met, or saw off, distinguished visitors on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. King Hussein of Jordan, one of these, so appreciated Stow that he invited him to Amman. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and by their two

## Church news

Recent appointments include: The Rev Deirdre Parmenter, curate, St Augustine's, Ipswich, to be Priest-in-charge, Stowupland, Hanghley w Wetherden (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Alison Prince, part-time Chaplain, Greenwich Hospital Trust to be Team Vicar. St Edmund, Riddlesdown

The Rev Tracy Rediearn, curate. Haslemere, to be Team Vicar, St Mark's, Grimsby (Lincoln). Canon Graham Revent, Team Rec-

for, Cullercoats, in charge of St George, to be Rector, Bolam w Whalton and Hartburn w Meldon. and Netherwitton (Newcastle). The Rev David Ridley, Curate, Paversham, St Mary, to be min-Rer-in-charge, Conventional Dis-

The Rev David Robertson, Team

trict of Folkestone. St Augustine Vocar, St Birinus, High Wycombe Team, and Rural Dean of Wyc-

ombe, to be Vicar, St George's, Ovenden, Halifax, and priest-incharge, All Souls, Halifax. The Rev David Robinson. Assistant Priest, St Helen, Athersley, to be priest-in-charge, Brotherton (Wakefield).

The Rev Timothy Scott, priest-incharge. Harrow Green Holy Trin-ity and St Augustine of Hippo. to be Vicar, Harrow Green Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Hippo

The Rev John Seaman, Vicar, Southea w Murrow and Parson Drove, Guyhirn and Ring's End (Ely), to be Vicar, Newnham w Awre and Blakeney (Gloucester). The Rev Raymond Smith, NSM. Edgmond and part-time chaplain at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, to be full-time Anglican Chaplain at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford (Lichfield). The Rev Teresa Stott, Curate, Leeon-Solent, to be senior curate. St

John's, Spalding (Lincoln).

The Rev Nigel Strafford, Vicar, St. Helen, Athersley, to be priest-incharge, Ferrybridge (Wakefield). The Rev Andrew Teal, Team Vicar. Sheffield Manor, to be Vicar, Tickhill w Stainton Doncaster

The Rev Charles Thody, Curaic, St. Andrew's, Immingham, to be priest-in-charge. Leasingham w Cranwell (Lincoln).

The Rev John Thompson, Vicar, Holton-le-Clay and Terney (Lincoln), to be Rector. Humshaugh w Simonburn and Wark (Newcastle). The Rev Michael Webb, Vicar, Holy Cross. Fenham, to be Vicar. St Gabriel, Heaton, and Rural Dean of Newcastle East.

The Rev Graham Williams, priestin-charge, North Witham, South Witham, Stainby and Gunby, to he priest-in-charge. All Saints, Ruskngton (Lincoln).

Resignations and retirements Canon David Baxter, Vice-Provost and Precentor of Wakefield Cathedraf (Wakeheld), to retire June 9 Canon Ronald Coppin, Canon Residentary of Durham Cathedraf, to retire Septender 30. The Rev Cabriel Dewhurst, Vicar, Castle Ldon w Monkhesleden (Durham), to retire May 31. The Rev Brian Green, Vicar, Tidenham & Beachley and Lancaut, and Rotal Dean of Forest

South (Gloucester), to resign as Rural Dean March 24: and to retire as Vicat. Tidenham w Beachley and Lincaut, May 3 The Rev Good Grimes, Vicar St Michael and All Angels and St Mark, Preston (Blackburn), to retire July 31 The Rev Keith Innes, Vicar, Doddington Newthan and Wychling

(Canterbury), to retire April 25. The Rev Ronald Matheson, Chap ain of Holy Tribuy, Shema, Malia (Europe), to retire May 31 The Rev Alan Wakelin Vicar Skirbeck St Nicholas, Boston (Lincolin), to retire May 31.

#### ARTIFICIAL MILK **BUTTER AND CHEESE** FROM SOYA BEANS

ROMANCE OF A NEW INDUSTRY A discovery which should prove of great interest to housewives and mothers has recently been bought to perfection in a London chemical laboratory. This is a process of manufacturing synthetically a pure and wholesome milk of high nutritive value possessing all the virtues of the original article, none of its many dangers.

The discovery originated many years ago as the result of the integrity of a Chinaman who saw a possible substitute for milk in the native drink prepared from the soya bean. His efforts, however, met with only partial success owing to the fact that the fluid prepared by him had an exceedingly penetrating and - to Western palates — disagreeable taste.

Ir was left to a German chemist to lay the foundations of the present synthetic milk by suggesting a composite fluid,

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The Chinese knew how to make good use of the

soya bean thousands of years ago but the West was a little slower in realising its possibilities. Today, through a wide variety of uses, it plays a big part in alleviating world hunger

milk in correct proportion. This suggestion was widely discussed about two years' ago, but the many obvious difficulties standing in the way of its realization caused the public to regard it more as a dream than a possibility. One or two chemists however, attracted by the idea, continued to work at the subject, with the result that synthetic milk is now an accomplished fact. The fluid, as far as its appearance is

concerned is quite indistinguishable made up of all the ingredients of cow's from rich cow's milk. It is delightfully

smooth on the palate. On the other hand, the taste seems to some persons slightly different from that of ordinary milk. It is said that even this slight "taste" can be removed at will. A dairyman was recently asked to express his opinion of the new milk, and two glasses, one containing his own milk and the other the artificial fluid, were placed before him. He praised what he supposed was his cow's milk and expressed a very modified appreciation of the other. His surprise on learning of his error was naturally great. The advantages of the new milk are

obvious. It is of course, free from all suspicion of being contaminated with "milk borne" diseases like tuberculosis, scarlet fever, or diphtheria. It can, moreover, be made up in any proportions desired, that is, with more or less casein, fat, sugar or salts and thus can be supplied to children and invalids according to a medical prescription. Finally, the new milk can be produced more cheaply than can ordinary milk and should thus prove a real boon to the poor.

TVLISTINGS

## THE TIMES TODAY

#### **NEWS**

#### Major to name election day

John Major will announce today that the General Election is on May I and pave the way for a marathon campaign that he hopes will turn round the biggest deficit ever faced by a governing party as it goes to the polls.

Cabinet ministers have been summoned to Downing Street to be told of the Prime Minister's plans this morning. Then he will go to the Palace to ask the Queen for a dissolution of Parliament, probably early in April ..

#### Europe offers token Albania force

■ The European Union held back from any large-scale intervention in Albania, agreeing only to offer a team of civil and military advisers. An advance team of officials will leave for Tirana today to prepare for the advisory mission whose aim 

#### Eurosceptic plan

The Tories are to launch a new Eurosceptic strategy based on the theme "Europe isn't working" as a key element of their election ..Page 2 campaign ...

#### Howarth safe

Alan Howarth, the MP who defected from the Conservatives to Labour, was the winner of a selection contest for the candidacy of the safe Labour seat of Newport East. He won more than 50 per cent of the vote. ..Page 2

#### TV debate risks

It is 37 years since Richard Nixon lost the first televised presidential debate in American history but his performance has haunted candidates for the White House ever since.....

#### Dancing contest

In an increasingly cut-throat market, colleges are turning to celebrity consultants and corporate sponsors in a fight to outdo each other with May Balls Page 5

#### **Election guide** Where Labour, the Conservatives

and the Liberal-Democrats stand on transport. The Times guide to election issues ...

#### Royal near miss

An SAS soldier fired live ammunition over the heads of the Queen and the Duke of Edin-Duke's head "by inches", it ...Page 7

#### Sleaze attack

Tougher laws to crack down on bribery and corruption in public life will be proposed by the Law Commission in a two-pronged at-

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#### tack on "sleaze" ....... Man who never was

Scholars are preparing to assemble at the Reading Room of the British Library to provide a happy ending to the story of an 1890s poet who made a pact with the Devil to return "a hundred years hence"...

#### Nazi pillage

French banks held on to millions of pounds in assets belonging to Jews murdered in the Holocaust, according to new evidence suggesting that French bankers profired from the pillage...... Page 11

#### Hussein compassion King Hussein of Jordan braved

the fury of Islamic extremists and visited the Jewish families who lost teenage daughters in last week's massacre...... Page 11

#### Children abandoned

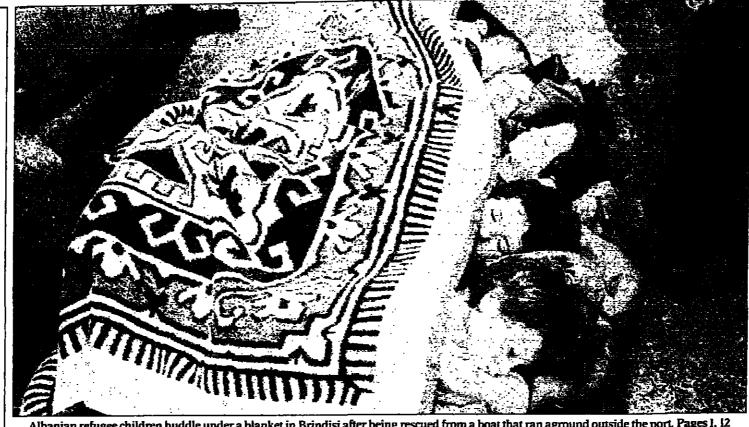
Disabled children are being abandoned by desperate Hong Kong families seeking to emigrate before the Chinese

#### Brussels job protest

Tens of thousands of people marched through Brussels, over burgh, with two shots missing the the failure of the EU to set limits to the free market for the sake of

#### Colchester stars on the net

Live action from the centre of Britain's oldest recorded town is being secretly relayed to a potential audience of 77 million surfers of the Internet around the globe. Anyone with a computer may now thrill to the footage of shoppers, delivery vans, the occasional drunk, wandering cat and patrolling 



Albanian refugee children huddle under a blanket in Brindisi after being rescued from a boat that ran aground outside the port. Pages 1, 12

#### BUSINESS

Blackhole probe: The Serious Fraud Office will step up its monitoring of the £90 million gap in the accounts of NatWest Markets, which is alleged to have been created by a rogue trader ...... Page 48

Pensions offer: Trade union officials have agreed to hand over documents to help pensions misselling ... Page 48

Stagecoach summons: The managers of South West Trains are to appear before a select committee to explain how they intend resolve the disruptions... .. Page 48

Job figures: Ministers and Whitehall statisticians are at odds over the jobless figures. Ministers want to publish data showing that the trend in the decline of unemployment is speeding up...... Page 48

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in a brilliant performance as Covent Garden revivesits outstanding production of Wagner's Die Meistersinger.... ...Page 18 Irish wit: Simon Callow is bringing

one-man show about Oscar Wilde, The Importance of Being Oscar, to the West End ... Women of history: In Glasgow. Eva Peron is the subject of a Citi-

Micheal MacLiammóir's famous

zens revival of a 1960s curiosity: while in London. Joan of Arc's image is rewritten in the new play St Joan.

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■ ANGRY ARTIST

Gloom and doom:

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George Grosz

The novelist

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Alexander Stuart on

danger, disorder and

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showcases Germany's

#### **FEATURES**

Men Only: A new series in which men talk candidly about sex and their relationships ......Pages 16. 17 Tim Lott: I became aware that the sound I had taken to be representative of the wakening giant within her had altered. I stopped. After a few seconds, the snores died away. leaving an empty space into which I could tenderly collapse into

Frank Ronan: What do you do if being gay is incompatible with all the other things you want to do with your life?..... .... Page 17

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Bluffer's guide: If you have ever wanted to learn how to bluff your way in science, then this is the perfect time to start. Britain is to be under siege from men and women in white coats...

#### SPORT

Rugby union: England carried off the triple crown at Cardiff, but they will have to raise their game when they take on the southern hemisphere countries ..... Page 29 Football: Rangers stayed on course for the Scottish league title - they beat Celtic 1-0 - but had Mark Hateley sent off, Chelsea swamped Sunderland 6-2 in an FA Carling Premiership game...... Pages 25. 31 Rugby league: John Schuster, the prolific Halifax Blue Sox goalkicker, missed a simple goal attempt in injury time that enabled

20-18 victory ..... Golf: Michael Jonzon, of Sweden. won the Portuguese Open. The challenge by José Maria Olazábal, of Spain, faded and he trailed home in joint fourth place ......Page 27 Cricket: Australia fought back in the second Test at Port Elizabeth to dismiss South Africa for 167. Chasing a victory-target of 270 they were 145-3 at the close ...... Page 33

simmons, who became Britain's first world heavyweight champion 100 years ago today and was feted as a film star... ...Page 37

#### LOTTERY NUMBERS

7, 24, 37, 39, 40, 43. Bonus: 15. Six winners receive £1,500,000 each: 26 win El07.096 for five mubers and the bonus; 792 win £2.197 for five: 54,272 with £73 for

Wigan Warriors to escape with a

Boxing: Remembering Bob Fitz-

Preview: A closely-argued assessment of the last Labour Prime Minister: Walden on Callaghan (BB2, 11.15 pm) Review: Peter Barnard on women in television ...... Page 47

#### OPINION

#### Albanian anarchy

Those who wish to limit the damage that Albania inflicts upon itself. which is a proper objective for Europe's statesmen, had better turn their attention to how best to restore confidence once events have. run their course......

#### Car wars

The public is fed up with neglect of the country's transport system. The Conservatives have discovered, too late, that good transport is vital not only to business efficiency and global competitiveness but to the quality of daily life ......Page 21

Posterity puzzle In the light of the odd history of

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#### COLUMNS

#### **WILLIAM REES-MOGG**

Most Tories are opposed to the single currency, but they cannot say so because Kenneth Clarke will not let them, and the Prime Minister has not overr led his Chancellor. I honestly do not know whether John Major is a closer Eurofanatic pretending to be Eurosceptic, or vice versa... . Page 20

#### PETER RIDDELL

We are not talking about movements at the margin now. The Tories need a political earthquake, and I do not yet hear any subterranean rumblings... . Page 20 MAGNUS LINKLATER

A fair and humane prison system. Winston Churchill said, is the hallmark of a civilised society. If that is the case, then a Government presiding over a prison regime that allows young women to kill themselves in despair has lost touch with civilised values ...... Page 20

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Fred Zinnemann, film director; Victor Vasarely, painter and artist; Sir John Stow, first Governor General of Barbados ..... .... Page 23

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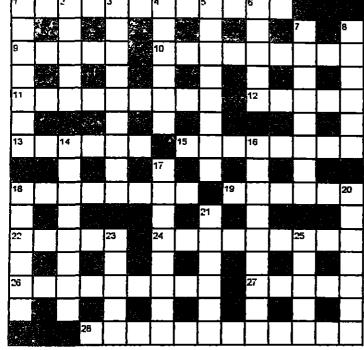
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**ACROSS** 

- I Today's man isn't commonly beset by argument and strain (5.7).
- 9 Flower removed from bed in short row (5). 10 Night not so far away as female
- enters plant (9). 11 Writer has to aim bullet first (9).
- 12 Alice's new name (5).
- 13 Selling five off, making killing (6). 15 Striking approach said to tip the scales (8).
- 18 National emblem that's made of paste? (8).
- 19 Pursued with determination (6). 22 Authentic English processed food (5),
- 24 Truthfulness increased for the rest (5.4).
- 26 Hard Spaniard, perhaps, concealing name of European island (9).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,428 will appear next Saturday. The five winners Wili each receive a £20 book token.

- 27 Modern style of painting making zero net return (2.3). 28 Retire injured after 26 runs into

- 1 Crosswords should be like medicine, casy to take? (7).
- 2 Drive up motorway, training new driver (5). 3 With money less tight, one pro-
- vides access to some food (3-6). 4 Scored very classic half-century in attack (6).
- 5 Call 3 with regret, and sound convincing (4.4).
- 6 Oil mixed in small quantity for tummy trouble (5).
- 7 Home that's sound as a bell outside and fine inside (8). 8 Open ornamental clasp audibly
- 14 Such criticism could be construed
- as a bit dire (8). 16 Criminal rode? (5-4).
- 17 Geese heard in Western Isles (8). 18 Romantic writer has knocked up
- about two pages on love (6). 20 Generous person passing round
- 21 Bird left trapped (6). 23 Nothing invested in English edu-

'at for another (7).

- cation? That's a blunder (5).
- 25 Some womanising Sultan's subject (5).
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sunny intervals is likely after early mist has cleared. For Scotland and Northern Ireland, eastern Scotland and the east of the Province should have a bright moming with some sun-shine. Cloud and drizzle in western areas is expected to become more widespread during the day. Heavier rain is likely in northwest Scotland later.

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☐ Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: rather cloudy, drizzle in places, bright for a time away from coasts. Winds moderate, southwest. Mild. Max

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☐ NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: cloudy outbreaks of rain, heavier later. Winds southerly, fresh in places. Cold.

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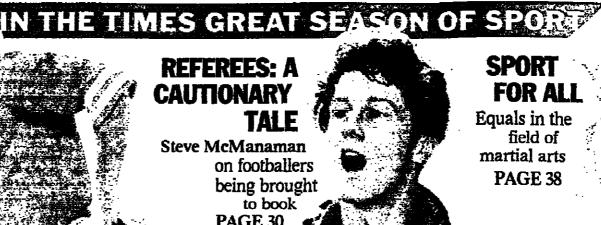
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Sentimentalists have a field day at Cardiff Rob Andrew **PAGE 27** 

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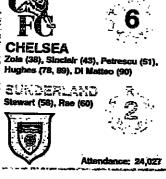


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## SUNDERLAND'S PLIGHT DEEPENS AT THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS

# Zola the man for all seasons



By Rob Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WITH spring very clearly in the Fulham Road air yesterday, the essence brought very different portents to Chelsea and to Sunderland. The gulf between a side seeking to justify itself as fit for European competition, and one desperate to avoid the drop out of the FA Carling Premiership, was hugely ipparent.

There were eight goals, six yellow cards, all for violent tackles, a miniature fightback by Sunderland when they were three goals down, and for Chelsea, a warning that with goalkeeping like this they must take nothing for granted in Wimbledon.

The priorities yesterday were so very different. Chelsea had been told often enough by Ruud Gullit, their manager, to maintain their

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concentration, to lace their undoubted virtue with a determination to win league matches. Sunderland have a coarser aim: to squeeze every morsel of effort out of limited professionals, to survive no matter how they look in the

process. For that reason there was still a stalemate after 38 minutes. Wise, orchestrating his team from midfield, set the degrading mark of studs into the shin of Bracewell, but also managed to show much perception, much accuracy, in his legitimate work. However. Bridges, with a header over the bar, and Mullin, his parmer, who forced Grodas to a reflex save. could both have out Sunderland ahead moments before Chelsea actually did score, with the most thrilling goal of the eight.

It came from Zola. Surprised? Of course not. He has never stopped illuminating English games since he came here before the winter and,



Vialli, a late substitute for Chelsea, flies into a challenge with Perez, the beleaguered Sunderland goalkeeper, at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

now that spring is sprung, he has not lost the appetite. Petrescu, the Romanian, created the opening with marvellous invention of his own, stepping over the ball, turning, and intuitively reversing the pass to Zola. The Italian, perfectly balanced, voileyed the shot rightfooted past a helplessly stranded Perez, a Frenchman who makes goalkeeping appear every bit as theatrical as Grobbelaar does.

That was the 38th minute, and Zola became the provider four minutes later. Receiving a short corner from Wise on the right, he swivelled on the ball, swung it with his left foot high into the goalmouth and though Myers missed it. Sinclair, behind him, met the ball with a downward header for his first goal of the season for Chelsea. When, six minutes after halftime. Wise and Di Matten produced sweet counter-attacking skills. Zola had the goal at his

mercy once again. Perez denied him with a jack-knile dive to push the ball away, but Petrescu gleefully pounced on the rebound to score. Chelsea's vengeance for losing 3-0 to Sunderland at Roker Park was apparently complete.

Wise was fortunate to stay on the pitch, receiving no more than a lecture for an elbow into the face of Bridges, but this resort to uncouth play seemed only to herald the spirited revival from Sunderland. On the hour, and two minutes

after it, Sunderland scored. Grodas, one of four goalkeepers Chelsea have used this season, did his utmost to give the advantage away. His vulnerability beneath the high ball was grotesque, his judgment timid and almost

comical.

When Kelly lofted the ball, rugby-style, beneath his crossbar, Grodas feebly punched it, presenting Stewart with a free header into his net. Two minutes later, another high ball, more panic around the goalkeeper, and after Melville had a shot blocked by the leg of Clarke, Rae prodded the ball over the line from seven yards. Both Sunderland substitutes had scored, and Peter Reid, the manager, had

reformed his side into a 3-5-2 formation, reflecting Chelsea's own

The thuggery was not yet spent. Rae, the fourth member of the Sunderland team to lunge into unfair tackles, put Myers out of the game, and out for an indeterminate period. "The shin is all over the place because of the studs of the opposition." Gullit said.

That foul created a cameo role for Paul Parker, a defender on loan, a wanderer of the league, and only the fourth player in 90 years to pull on the shirts of Chelsea, Queens Park Rangers and Fulham, the complete West London set.

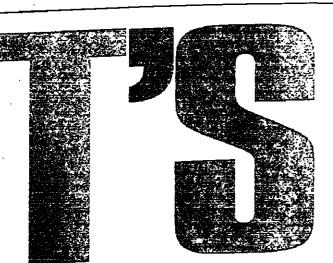
Gradually, Chelsea's elegant skills began to mean more than the effort, the desperation, of Sunder-land. In the 78th minute it became 4-2 when Hughes, contolling a loose ball 30 yards out, muscled his way through Melville's weak challenge, and then, as Perez came towards him, easily side-footed

The same player, still hungry in his 33rd year, claimed a second goal a minute from time when Vialli, on at last as a substitute, broke through an almost nonexistent defence. Before Sunder-land could regroup, before anyone could blink, the quality of Petrescu had fashioned the sixth goal, eagerly finished by Di Matteo. For Chelsea, six goals for the first time since 1990. For Sunderland?

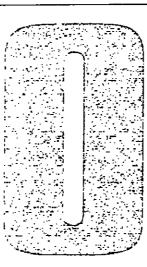
"We've got Nottingham Forest next week", Reid said. "We've got to get back to solid, defensive basics by then. I think the word kamikaze come to mind for what happened

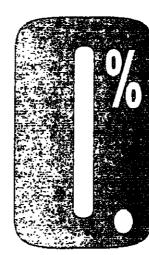
today.
Zola is a terrific player, the game may have been entertaining in a popcorn sort of way, but we have to stay in this division, and to do that we've got to do what was our best feature this season defend properly."

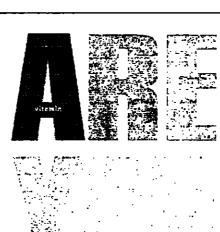
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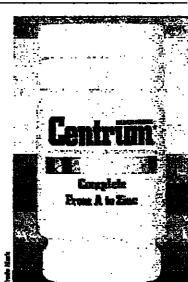












# BBC's league of nations will be hard to top

more Parc des Princes, no more Rob Andrew and Jonathan Davies. And — though this was one last hurray that the corporation did not allude to on Saturday afternoon — no more BBC monopoly of the five nations' rugby union championship. Next season live coverage of England's home matches will be in the hands of

Sky Sports. The Beeb was clearly determined to go out in style. despite England's inconvenient defeat against France a formight earlier. The championship was still at stake — at least theoretically - and for the first time in years it decided, ambitiously, to show both final-round matches live. Grandstand screened the first half from Paris before devoting itself to the whole of the

**SQUASH** 

Khan shows

he is still

game in Cardiff, while the second half of the France-Scotland match was picked up

In all, there were four hours

of coverage on one channel and an hour on the other, but not even the most expert channel-hopper could properly watch both games at once. Why the organisers of a championship consisting of only ten matches have thought it prudent for years to play the fixtures on five afternoons rather than five Saturdays and Sundays must baffle anyone who has never run an amateur

That, though, was nothing to do with the BBC and. although there was rich potential for ball-fumbling on its part, it came through the afternoon well, despite some most unpromising early signs. For a start, the trend for

SIMON WILDE

TV ACTION REPLAY

modern sportsmen to swap boots for microphone had been sent into alarming

Rob Andrew, one of the BBC's regular summarisers. had been unexpectedly recalled to the England replacements' bench, while Jonathan Davies, who has also imparted expert analysis recently, was chosen to start his first

game for Wales in nine years. The BBC responded by calling up Jonathan Callard as a late replacement for Andrew, while Arwel Thomas, whose injury enabled Davies to play, Concorde. And, as we were run

through the teams, mugshot by mugshot, the face of the Princess Royal suddenly appeared, placing her somewhere in the midst of the Scotland scrum. She's keen, but not that keen.

It was also soon apparent that there was to be a limit to the excitement as France took early control of their game. leaving Rider to grasp at a late first-half try by Scotland as evidence that they were not about to be routed. They were. But it did not matter, it did

not need a cliff-hanging after-noon to remind us of what we will miss on occasions next

Rugby union is a complex and seemingly chaotic game to all but the initiated and it needs a steady hand on the

ast is to be nursed through an afternoon in the belief that he understands what he is

The measured tones of the BBC's match commentators have done this skillfully for years and they will not be easily matched, as Sky Sports' evening screening of the game
— delayed by 30 minutes

because the Test match in Port of Spain overran - suggested. One incident, after Andrew came on for the closing minutes at Cardiff, illustrated the point. He was soon feeding the ball to Carling, also probably playing his last England match. Nigel Starmer-Smith caught the pass effortiessiy before continuing on his way:

. it's like memories of old. this line-up ... "The poignancy of the moment passed the

the top of a windy flag-pole RUGBY LEAGUE: HALIFAX PAY HARSH PENALTY WITH DEFEAT AT CENTRAL PARK

Rory Underwood and Nigel

Walker were also asked to give

viewers the benefit of their

Unfortunately, their re-

marks did not often progress

from first-phase platitudes to second-phase insights, and judging by Steve Rider's wist-

ful remarks, as we watched

Andrew arrive at the Arms

Nor did things start happily

in Paris. For several minutes

there was interference on

sound, as though we were listening to Bill McLaren from

Park, he feared as much.

## Schuster lets Wigan off hook

youngster Wigan Warriors ...... Halifax Blue Sox ......18 the master

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN LINZ

JANSHER KHAN, the world champion, has begun his European preparation for the British Open championship next month in all-too-familiar fashion, beating a young and promising challenger to take the Austrian Open title.

This time it was Dan Jenson, a tall, likeable 21-yearold from Adelaide, ranked No 18 in the world, who had reached the final with sparkling wins over Derek Ryan, the Irish champion, Zarak Jahan, the Pakistan No 2. and, for the first time, Rodney Eyles, the world No 2. He fought well for 62 minutes, before losing 15-6, 11-15, 15-13.

Jenson had a couple of previous clashes against Jansher to build on each offering glimpses of success. This was his first final against the Pakistani master and he was 13-1 down in the 11-minute opening game before he adjusted to the concentrated precision assault that Jansher develops in the later stages of tournaments.

You have to look on these occasions as learning opportunities," Jenson said, "A year ago I would never have recovered from that sort of blitz, but here I kept my game together and managed to mount my own offensive when he let down a bit in the second and third games."

Jenson certainly contributed to a final that pleased a huge crowd at the alltransparent showcourt mounted on the main concourse of the Arcade shopping centre. For the world champi on, it was merely the start of another chapter that he believes will maintain his superiority for some years to

"I cannot see anyone in the game who can threaten me for two or three years at least."

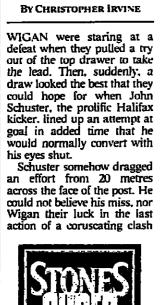
Jansher, 28, said. He still aims to win at least ten World Open titles and six British Opens to neatly reverse the record of six world titles and ten British Opens achieved by Jahangir Khan, his legendary

"I have beaten five different people in British finals and I cannot see anyone stopping me getting the sixth this year, he said. "Then the World Open becomes the most important target for me.

"My body is good. I can play for another three or four years, probably. I want to make a record that will never be beaten and I see nobody who can stop me.'

Australia's position in the women's game has a more positive outlook than Jansher allows their men. The lowranked women's Austrian Open final was won by Kate Major, the left-handed component of a pair of athletically gifted twin sisters from New South Wales, who look set to follow in the footsteps of Sarah FitzGerald and Michelle Martin, the Australians who lead the world,

Major defeated Narelle Tippett, another promising young Australian, 9-2, 9-10, 9-4, 9-6 in 43 minutes.



yesterday. Few games in the Stones Super League will scale the same heights this season, or will be as nerve-racking from Wigan's perspective. Wigan trailed by 12 points at

the break, fought back to lead and slipped behind again, until a moment of inspiration by the outstanding Andy Farrell, the Wigan and Great Britain captain, rescued them from what looked like being their first home defeat since February 1994. Farrell, taking his cue from

Cassidy's bustling break from acting half back, hurtled up the right and, 30 metres out, timed his scoring pass to Andy Johnson to perfection. That made it IS-IS and Farrell, who had not taken the placekicking duties because of a groin problem, assumed the responsibility from Paul and added the conversion to put Wigan two points in front.

All Wigan had to do then was defend their line. It took a magnificent tackle by Rad-linski to prevent Moana



sything through. After the ensuing scramble, Murdock, the Wigan scrum half, was sin-binned for a professional foul. Schuster had landed three kicks from four attempts, including one from a touchline, but his sure-footedness deserted him.

Farrell conceded his side's luck, but he praised the efforts of a young team, that was without Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly, in digging deep. "It shows the character of the team; we were very determined not to lose," he said. "Even 12-0 down at halftime, there was still a lot of heart in the dressing-room." These are turbulent times at

Wigan and an opening league

to the impression of a crumbling empire. A sterling firsthalf performance by Halifax ended with Wigan being jeered off at the interval. In the proverbial game of two halves, though, their critics among the 11.566 crowd were stunned into silence.

The display of Karl Harrison, the Halifax captain, in offloading the ball in the tackle and priming his troops was little short of astonishing. Wigan, bereft of ideas, had no answer to tries by Pearson and Tuilagi as Halifax hit them up the middle and moved the ball wide.

In defence, too, Halifax looked impregnable, until

stick and supported the ball carrier in a six-man breakout that brought a try for Paul Johnson. Two further scores in three minutes down Halifax's vulnerable left side, by Ellison and Tallec - the second after another superb pass by Farrell — threatened to transform the game.

It swung Halifax's way again, though, as Wigan managed to hold up Tuilagi, but found no way of stopping Amone at the left corner. Schuster's conversion put Halifax four points ahead, but Andy Johnson's 76th-minute try and the extra points added by Farrell looked to have secured victory for Wigan.

London Broncos was Wigan's downfall in the Super League last season. Fate seemed destined to repeat itself when Moana was prevented from playing the ball by Murdock and Schuster stepped up. The relief around Central Park at his miss was palpable.

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## Coussons sweeps in to prevent stalemate

Castleford ..... BY A CORRESPONDENT

UNLIKE their Challenge Cup win over Castleford last month, which sparked a run that has swept them to the semi-final stage, Salford's Super League victory at The Willows yesterday was far less emphatic. Only a try by Coussons, their left wing, after 18 minutes prevented stale-

Though denied a competitive fixture in the five weeks since the sides last met, Castleford demonstrated that they had not wasted their time. In many ways they could

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be considered unlucky at not finishing at least on level terms or, had they brought on Steadman sooner, even a win.

But for solid, often outstanding, defence, both lines could have been breached on at least three occasions. Nothing in the final scoreline hints of the enterprising level of play that both sides attempted. Yet, at the end, the contest lacked a player with a genuine cutting edge; a role that Cartwright might have filled for Salford had he not retired injured after 13 minutes.

With the cup-tie against St Helens approaching, this must be of some concern to Andy Gregory, the Salford coach. Rogers, who never put a foot wrong in defence, was his most potent attacker especially on the counter but, though Blakeley danced prettily, he rarely achieved a

worthwhile opening.

Castleford shuffled their hand repeatedly in an attempt to find the combination that would break down Salford and looked at their most dangerous when Steadman and Tony Smith. their Great Britain half back, in whom Wigan are reportedly interested, were together.

With Castleford handling untidily early on, Salford had the better of the territorial battle, but it was not until midway through the first half that McAvoy, drawing Chris Smith in from the wing, put

Blakely failed to convert from wide out and then missed a penalty from in front of the posts after Flowers just beat McAvoy for the touchdown in pursuit of a kick ahead - although Salford's supporters felt that it was Forber, following through,

legitimate touch. Chris Smith's scampering runs up the left flank began to trouble Salford for the first time and, on the stroke of halftime, they were lucky to survive when he ran 60 metres only to be collared by Rogers less than a metre from the

who probably made the only

Castleford became bolder after the interval, but it was after a break by Rogers that Coussons in the corner.

Failure to apply downward pressure then cost Middleton golden chance to put Castleford at least on level terms when he pursued a grub kick by Tony Smith, and, though Steadman appeared to have broken clear for one last scoring chance for Castleford eight minutes from time, his legs let him down.

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**EQUESTRIANISM: GLORIOUS RETURN FOR FOX-PITT AT ALDON HORSE TRIALS** 

## Cosmopolitan shows no sign of ring rustiness

By JENNY MACARTHUR

WILLIAM Fox-Pitt and Cosmopolitan made a triumphant return to competition with a convincing win in their advanced intermediate section of the Aldon Horse Trials in Somerset yesterday.

The ten-year-old gelding has not competed since Atlanta last July, but he betrayed little sign of ring rustiness. An May.

excellent dressage test, earning a score of 26, was followed by a faultless showjumping round and a copybook performance over Aldon's cross-country

Fox-Pitt, who also finished seventh on Vital Decision in the open intermediate section, intends to give Cosmopolitan four more outings before Badminton in

Pippa Funnell, a former national champion, completed a successful weekend with a win in the second advanced intermediate section on Denise Lincoln's Achselschwang-winner. Rainbow

Badminton contenders were out in force and Mary King enjoyed a win, for the second successive week, on King William in the open intermediate section.

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## Montgomerie fades after fine start

COLIN MONTGOMERIE faced a test of endurance going into the final round of the Honda Classic golf tournament yesterday, three strokes behind Stuart Appleby, at Heron Bay. Fort Landerdale. With 36 holes to be played on the final day. Montgomerie completed the first 18 in 70, two under par, but had only 12 minutes to rest before heading back to the first tee on 206, ten under par.

Montgomerie, the European No L attempting to win his first tournament in the United States, bit the pin at the short 2nd for a tap-in birdie, and took a share of the lead when he also birdied the 5th from 12 feet, but the back nine proved more difficult in a gusting wind and he slipped three adrift of Appleby, of Australia, who had seven birdies in a 67. Ian Woosnam returned a 71 for a three-round total of 207, but Bernhard Langer faded to 211, also after a 71.

#### Douglas defies the years

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas showed that, at 41, he TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas showed that, at 41, he is probably still good enough to play for England before losing in four games to Alan Cooke, the defending champion, in the semi-finals of the English national championships at Brighton yesterday. Douglas beat Alex Perry, the young left-handed England international, 21-14, 21-18 in the quarter-finals. Cooke was beaten in the final by Matthew Syed, 21-19, 21-8, 21-8.

#### Third title for McRae

MOTOR RALLYING: Alister McRae and the Volkswagen team enjoyed a commanding victory in the Vauxhall Rally of Wales — the opening round of the British rally championship — on Saturday. McRae, 26, from Lanark, is the first driver to win the rally three times. McRae's Golf GTI crossed the finish ramp more than a minute clear of Gwyndaf Evans (Ford) after two days of competition. Mark Higgins took third place for Nissan.

#### Ulihrach's run continues

TENNIS: Michael Chang, the No 3 seed, beat Thomas Muster 6-1, 7-6 on Saturday to earn the chance to defend his Champions Cup title against Bohdan Ulihrach, the surprise Czech finalist, at Indian Wells, California. Ulihrach followed his victory over Pete Sampras by heating Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, 6-3, 6-2.

#### Wiberg shares spoils

SKIING: Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, the overall champion and Lara Magoni, of Italy, finished level in the slalom yesterday to share victory in the last competition of the women's Alpine World Cup season in Vail, Colorado. Katja Scizinger, of Germany, finished third, 0.54see behind the winners.

#### Eldredge warms up

ICE SKATING: Todd Eldredge drew first blood against Elvis Stojko, from Canada, the man he deposed as world figure skating champion last year, when the 1997 competition began in Lausanne, Switzerland, yesterday. Eldredge, of the United States, won the first group of qualifying that will reduce the field from 45 to 30.

#### Queensland through

CRICKET: Queensland yesterday reached the Sheffield Shield final, against Western Australia, in Perth on Friday. Queensland defeated South Australia by 137 runs, while Tasmania, their main rival, fell to New South Wales in the final round of matches. New South Wales, set 305 runs of 67 overs, reached their target with six wickets to spare.

#### **Opening for Boycott**

CRICKET: Geoff Boycott. the former England opener and now one of the game's most outspoken pundits, will take over from David Mellor as host of Six-O-Six, BBC Radio 5 Live's top-rated Saturday phone-in programme, for the summer. Boycott's show begins on May 24, the date of England's second one-day international with Australia.

#### HOCKEY

**Cup defeat** 

cuts short

Olton's joy

By ALIX RAMSAY

LIFE at the top is seldom easy.

but every now and then fate

makes it tougher than usual.

On Saturday Olton, first division leaders in the wom-

en's national league, were

celebrating the fact that

promotion to the premier divi-

sion was assured; but 24 hours later they had been

brought down to earth by

Ipswich, the premier division

leaders, who dispatched them

40 in the fifth round of the

Two goals from Lucy

Youngs and one each from

Kirsten Spencer and Sandie

Lister in the first half quickly

settled the outcome. It was a

good weekend for Lister and

Ipswich. Lister, the former

England captain, does not

usually get her name on the

scoresheet, but she opened the

lpswich account when they

beat Doncaster 3-1 on Satur-

day to stretch their lead to four

Slough, who are chasing

points at the top of the table.

hard to recapture their league

title, slipped up on Saturday.

losing 2-0 at Clifton, before

defeating Leicester 3-1 in the

AEWHA Cup.

#### **England find** youth is equal to challenge

Pakistan England .....1

FROM SYDNEY PRISKIN IN KARACHI

ENGLAND exceeded expectation by holding Pakistan, the world champions, to a draw in the five nations Golden Jubilee tournament here yesterday. With young talent eager to assert itself and only limited experience available. England disrupted Pakistan's high-powered forwards with right

marking and swift tackling.

This is not to say that England's outlook was defensive in the end it was the Pakistan defence that was in trouble and with a little luck England might have won.

Pakistan began so strongly that it seemed only a matter of time before they would score; but their attacks broke down and England started to assert themselves. Pidcock, in his first appearance for his country, shone at centre half. In the 40th minute England took the lead when Garcia took a return pass from Pearn and scored with a superb shot. Pakistan retaliated with a

goal by Mohammed Shahbaz after a centre from the right by Mohammed Ali. Earlier, Holland came from

behind to beat Australia 3-2 with Veen scoring the winning goal in the 54th minute. England play Germany in the only match today.

March today.

PAKISTAN: Mannoor Ahmedd, Denrih Aaleem, Tariq Imran, Irlan Mehmood, Mohammed Ahaled, Waseem Ahmed Mohammed Shahba, Barbar Abdulah Substitute used: Roham Irlan Boulah Substitutes used: Wausph N Corea; Substitutes used: Wausph N Corea; S

cup with goals by Mandy Nicholls (two) and Jane Smith. Leicester, though, have given themselves a chance in the premier division with a 2-0 win over Trojans that lifts them into fifth place after propping up the table for much of the season. Canterbury will represent

the first division in the quarter-finals of the cup after defeating Chelmsford 3-2, while Aldridge are the only non-league side left in the competition, thanks to a 1-0 win over Crimson Ramblers with a goal by Terry Taylor.

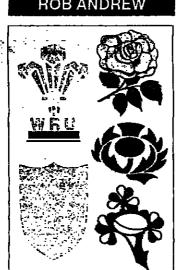
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tournament. Olazabal insisted throughout that he was still testing himself and his tender feet and that a victory would be pleasing but surprising. That he managed to finish in a tie for fourth place alongside Ste-

If rugby union is serious about developing the game in Europe, Italy must be admitted. Their victory in Ireland earlier this season and the way that they

> and honing the championship.
>
> The point about Italy is that it is wrong to hold them back any longer. In whose interest is it to keep them out? European rugby can grow stronger by their inclusion. Moreover, by isolating the championship for a five-week period, instead of dragging it out. you can assist the difficult process of building a structure for the season. in which club rugby can take a



French polish

adds gloss to grand theatre

emphasis must be on developing

back seat for a short time, instead

being disrupted over 25

By having national squads together for a concentrated period, continuity and team harmony are just two aspects that can be mproved. By facing the southernhemisphere nations before Christmas and playing five matches in five weeks in a six-nation champbetter. Everything needs to be directed towards a successful and. hopefully, winning World Cup campaign in 1999.

The evidence since January is that England and France have taken significant strides. It is history that England threw away a grand slam. When the score against Wales on Saturday reached 20-6, on the bench and on the pitch there was a sense of needing to tighten the screw after what happened against France. In the preparation for the match, it was all about turning that negative

into a positive. It was an honour and a surprise to be called into the squad, and a privilege to play a few more unexpected minutes of international rugby. Jack Rowell must be getting nostalgic. I really did not expect to get on. I said to him that. if ever they needed me for a triple crown or grand-slam decider, with five minutes to go and the match won, just give me a call ... no,



Laurent Leflamand, right, and Fabien Pelous celebrate France's crushing victory over Scotland

really, that is me finished with the international scene.

Jonathan Davies, left, bids a forlorn farewell to Cardiff Arms Park, where Andrew, right, temporarily renewed acquaintances with Will Carling during England's victory over Wales. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Italy's overdue introduction and change in format would set seal on a vintage championship

It was wonderful to say goodbye properly to Jonathan Davies and the Arms Park and get a final runout alongside Will Carling. Will Will go? Probably he would if pushed to make a choice immediately, but he is going to ponder over the summer and, knowing him, after a few months' rest and with matches against the southern-hemisphere countries coming up, he might be raring to go again.

The demands of five nations' rugby, physically and mentally, are exhausting. The toll of injuries has been significant. You need a big squad and that is where England have got their pyramid structure right in terms of the Emerging England, under-21 and A teams. Young players such as Phil Greening can slot in at hooker with apparent ease. An adequate structure, particularly at club level, is where the other home nations

England are bound to make up the bulk of the British Isles squad for South Africa. Saturday was an emotional day for oldies like myself, but England have produced some impressive young guns. Richard Hill, on the open-side flank, has been the find of the season, Greening is a rare talent, Simon Shaw has made giant strides at lock and Tim Stimpson's season at full back has been about steady improvement towards easily his best display on Saturday.

#### A RECORD YEAR

far in excess of the post-war record of 41 and only two short of

 The ten games in the championship produced 511 points, demolishing the revious best mark of 363 in 1991 England registered 141 points, well beyond their propert of 118, established in

1992. France also set a new mark of 129 points (as against 98 in 1986) on their way to a grand slam. Scotland's total of 90 their best in a chamoionshir

 England enjoyed their biggest scores against Scotlar (41) and Ireland (46) and equalled their best of 34 again

opponents scored 132 (their previous worst was 85 in 1977). Ireland recorded a tally of 141 against, also beating their previous worst of 116 in 1992.

What struck me about the England camp was the confidence that the players have. Mentally, they are so fine-tuned, which stems from professionalism at clubs.

France rediscovered all their old flair and panache in securing the grand slam. They are way up there in the world order. It has been a two-horse race. Wales, for all the talk about their improvement, still took a 21-point hiding from England and, like Scotland and Ireland, won only one match. I do not say that Wales, Scotland and Ireland cannot win a championship again, but, on the professional path, they have a long way to catch up France and England.

> Grand celebrations, page 28 England triple tops, page 29

#### GOLF: SWEDE REMAINS COOL UNDER PRESSURE TO FEND OFF OLAZABAL'S CHALLENGE IN CLAIMING FIRST TOUR VICTORY

## Jonzon confounds the odds

FROM MELWEBB IN LISBON

championship. The profes-

sional revolution brought us

some of the finest rugby seen

for years and unprecedented levels

the number of tries and points

scored. Now is the time for

evolution. If Italy are not allowed next year, it would be a

being stretched out over ten weeks,

a six-nation tournament needs to

be held on five consecutive

pushed Wales and Scotland

showed that they would hardly be

out of place. By shortening and

concentrating the span of an

expanded championship, you

would replicate on an annual basis

the demands of the World Cup

every four years. The World Cup is

Everything about a five or

six-nation tournament needs to be geared towards what is required

for winning at the highest level.

England and France will not

delude themselves that the stan-

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what is required to beat the

southern-hemisphere nations. The

the sport's litmus test.

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physical endurance, skill and

SO THE Honest Joes of Britain did not, after all, get it right. All week José Maria Olazábal had questioned the sanity of the bookmakers who had installed him as favourite to win the Portuguese Open at Aroeira, and yesterday he was proved right - just. At one time he was only a shot behind Michael Jonzon, but in the end Jonzon, from Sweden, completed his maiden PGA European Tour victory with a closing 69 and a total of 269, 19

shots from Ignacio Garrido. who marched through the field to record a faultless 65. Seven birdies and not a hint of a bogey left Garrido three in front of Paul Broadhurst and four ahead of Olazabal, who put the squeeze on Jonzon with an early birdie, only to fade on the inward half to drop three shots and finish with 74, his only round above par of the

phen Allan, Darren Clarke and Wayne Riley, the defending champion, was a triumph

Olazábal has only the slightest of rough edges to polish off his game to restore it to its diamond-bright best after his 18-month tussle against wracking pain. He plays in the Turespaña Masters in Gran Canaria this week and nobody, not least his fellow golfers, would be surprised if

he were to win. Jonzon, meanwhile, showed all the sang-froid of a seasoned veteran. He was 36th in the money-list in his first season on tour in 1995 and was narrowly beaten for the rookie of the year title by Jarmo Sandelin, his compatriot, but went into free-fall last year, finishing 107th. He started

order of merit - now he is He had not only himself to

beat on this final day but also the evil eye being beamed at him with basilisk directness by the gallery. They made no bones about it, they wanted Olazábal to win. It should have been daunting, but these golfing Swedes are cool "I was surprised at how relaxed I felt today," he said. "I felt more tense yesterday, ac-

tually. I didn't want to worry too much about what the others were doing and I managed to keep my mind on my That he did, but he must have felt a tiny flutter below the belt when Olazabal birdied the 2nd hole to close to

within a shot. It was a moment when visceral fortitude was this tournament 113th in the FINAL SCORES FROM LISBON

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needed and he demonstrated that he had it with birdies on the 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th, With Olazabal picking up a shot at the 4th but dropping it again at the 8th, Jonzon turned five strokes ahead.

The key moment came at the par-five 10th. Jonzon cast his ball into the trees and, with the help of a hundred or more spectators, found a ball on the cusp of his five minutes' searching time. Elation was followed by misery when he discovered that it was not his. so he had to trudge back to the tee and reload under penalty. Before long he was looking at double-bogey seven while Olazabal had a putt for birdie.

It might easily have been a three-shot swing, but a dangerous moment was averted when Olazábal missed from ten feet and Jonzon rolled in a 20-foot putt for as good a bogey-six as he will ever record. Only one stroke lost. After that it was plain

sailing. Junzon had a couple of

bogeys on the back nine, but, with Olazabal tiring, the issue had been settled and Jonzon's birdie on the 16th was an irrelevance. The icy Swede had prevailed over the hot favourite. The bookies, yet again, could keep their cash in their big brown satchels.



Jonzon displays the trophy after the victory that took him to seventh in the European order of merit

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### Cambridge quickly into their stride

By MIKE ROSEWELL

ROBIN WILLIAMS, the Cambridge coach, who had his contract extended for a further three years last week, pitted his finally selected 1997 crew against an impressive Imperial College and Queens Tower line-up on Saturday, which included seven members of the victorious 1996 Henley Grand crew and Jim Walker, the Olympian.

In the first contest, from Putney to Chiswick Steps, Cambridge, on Surrey, took a lead off the start, and, hitting an impressive rhythm at 35, led by one length at the Mile. Then, after Hammersmith, Cambridge used their favourable bend and went on to win by two lengths in 10min 45sec — a good time on a slack tide.

The second race, scheduled from Chiswick Eyot to the Finish, developed into a toothand-nail battle. A clash of blades left James Ball, the Cambridge stroke, on his back and a further clash just before Barnes Bridge produced equipment damage, some ripe repartee and an end to the afternoon's activity.

Overall, Cambridge took the honours and will not be seen on the Tideway again before Boat Race week. Unusually, neither will Oxford. Rene Mijnders, their Dutch dam this weekend to race in the Heineken regatta on the Amstel River, and they will remain there until Friday. On Saturday Oxford beat

the France national eight, with six Atlanta medal-winners on board, by eight seconds over 2,500 metres and then 0.3sec over 250 metres, with crews from Holland and Germany trailing in their wake. Oxford continued impres-

sively yesterday. The French won the 750-metre race by a third of a length, but, in the subsequent 5,000 metre contest. Oxford won by seven seconds, with a time of 14min 19sec proving fast in the prevailing headwind.

The finally selected Cambridge crew is: bow David Cassidy; 2 Roger Pim; 3 Ethan Ayer: 4 Brad Crombie: 5 Alex Story: 6 Alan Watson; 7 Damien Maltarp; stroke James Ball; cox Kevin Whyman.

## Scotland bow to command performance as curtain comes down at Parc des Princes

# France restore absolute monarchy

France. Scotland ..

FROM JOHN HOPKINS

NOTHING in the history of French rugby can match the stunning magnificence of their play in this, the last game at the Parc des Princes. In the stadium of princes, this was rugby fit for a king. France's performance throughout the game that won them a lifth five nations' grand slam was the greatest demonstration of 80-minute rugby that any European country has ever produced.

All of France's four previous grands chelems were secured away from home, so the scenes



of emotion and joy that greeted their first success on home soil were made to live in the mind for ever. The not-so-old concrete bowl in southwest Paris, so hideous from the

outside, so practical on the inside, has never seen anything like the way France played to inflict their heaviest defeat on Scotland, nor the scenes that followed their thrilling victory.

An intoxicating cocktail is brewed when the lands of

whisky and wine meet at rugby. Grain and grape do mix, after all. Two years ago there was Scotland's try and match-winning conversion by Gavin Hastings. On Saturday Hastings sat high in the stands, with headphones clamped to his ears and a ing a performance that even he, a distinguished former captain of Scotland, could scarce forbear to cheer.

In June 1995, on a warm evening in Pretoria, there had been a pulsating encounter in the World Cup. It ended with France, who had trailed until only four minutes remained on the clock, snatching a threepoint victory and men from both sides looking drained of colour and energy.



Cronin, right, fails to prevent Benazzi, the France captain, from scoring the first try of the match at Parc des Princes

Now this: an awe-inspiring then up the centre, and heaved display of rugby by a northmightily in a series of scrums ern-hemisphere country. Enon Scotland's line. Scotland. gland's thunderous spells meanwhile, scarcely touched against Ireland and against Perhaps the secret of French France were memorable, but no European country has ever played with such total commitment, skill and vivid expression from start to finish as the men led by Abdelatif Benazzi did on Saturday.

From the magnificent pre-match singing of a French male voice choir, which

sounded for all the world like

the men from Treorchy, to the

final whistle, this was the

display of the five nations'

championship. It was a privi-

Never can so much effort

have reaped so little reward as

France's period of domination

between the second and

eleventh minutes, and the

By the end of that combined

15-minute spell, the Scots had

visited hell. For 900 seconds,

France's forwards and backs

passed this way and that, attacked first left, then right,

thirteenth and the nineteenth.

lege to be present.

rugby is to decline to select half-a-dozen players, to con-trive injuries for their replacements, to argue and bicker about the best positions for many of those who are chosen - and then, after all that, to send out the remaining men and let them express themselves with their own instinctive patterns of play.

That is what France have done this season. They beat Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland with what, a few months ago, would have been called their second team. France, remember, ended the season with different half backs, centres and wings, than they started it. Furthermore, three key forwards were either injured or suspended. The enormity of winning

corner of Paris at 4.20pm on

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SCOTLAND: R J S Shepherd (Melrose): A G Slanger (Hawck), A V Tail (Newcaste), G P J Townsend (Notthampton), K M Logan (Wasps), C M Chairners (Melrose): B W Redipath (Melrose): T J Smith (Wassonians), D G Ellis (Curre), M J Stewart (Notthampton)-Mirror (Melrose): R Leed (Wasps), G W Weis (Newcaste)ii, I R Smith (Moseloy), P Walton (Newcaste): Walton replaced by D F Cronin (Wasps, 15mm): Chairners replaced by D W Hodge (Watsonians, 55), Tail replaced by I C Glasgow (Henot s FP, 73).

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the grand slam, of scoring nearly half as many tries - 14 in one grand slam-winning season as in the four previous ones, deserved the full measure of support it received. If anyone thought that French support was just the Dax band ooom-pah-pahing away at one end of the ground, waving the Tricolour while singing La Marseillaise and some frightened cockerels, then, clearly, they were not in the southwest

Saturdav afternoon. At the end of it all, the crowd was on its feet as the players Dozens of photographers encircled first Laurent Laflamand and then Christophe Lamaison as they knelt to kiss the turf.

Olivier Merle, the gigantic lock, who looks as though he has a future in the wrestling rings of the United States. blew kisses to the crowd. Champagne was uncorked before the end of the game. After Magne had scored France's last try, a magnificent blur of

speed and daring, he was hoisted on to the shoulders of Fabien Pelous - and this was when the game still had five

minutes to run. So much of France's form this season has been attributed to the return of Pierre Villepreux, their silvertongued schemer and advocate of running rugby, that it is appropriate to use his words as an assessment of the measure of France's performance. "I am happy that today the players followed the mess-

age." Villepreux said.
"Today they played modern and when they were stopped they kept it and ran with it again. There were 15 men playing well and their efforts totalled more than one plus one plus one plus one totalling 15. Today the total was more

"Today we saw a lot of progress from the French team. It is one part of where French rugby wants to go. Our aim is to perform well in

Villepreux's vision finds its true expression

s Scotland have found to their cost, occasions such as this can go horribly wrong. Twice in the past two seasons Scotland have been rendered helpless by the weight of expectation that has left them emotionally and physically drained.

As a succession of former France captains kissed and paraded before the Parc des Princes crowd on Saturday, and a male voice choir, that would not have sounded out of place in Cardiff, sang, one wondered whether all this self-indulgence, albeit in the final five nations' match at the stadium, would not backfire as the country sought a fifth grand slam, the first to be achieved on home soil.

We should not have worried. Scotland were compliant in the extreme, fall guys in the final act.

It was all heady stuff from France, who were determined not to let the opportunity of greatness pass them by. None the many thousands of Scottish supporters begrudg-ed the French. in what Philippe Sella, the most capped international of all time, described as his country's finest hour.

Whereas in the past they could spontaneously combust, France have, when it mattered, risen to the occa-Champagne corks popped on the pitch at the finish, but the celebrations had begun minutes earlier when Olivier Magne, of the peroxide blond hair, scored France's best try.

The 49,000 crowd wedged into the unlovely concrete bowl belted out La Marseillaise the Dax band played on. The grey exterior contrasted starkly with the colour and vivid imagery inside. Out of apparent chaos, France have fashioned order. the irony being that those who have achieved this were themselves once outcasts, shunned for their individuality.

None more so than Pierre Villepreux, the former full back and now assistant coach to a dazzling threequarter line, who is a dishevelled figure at the best of times, one who epitomises the mass of contradictions that is French

How often has it been said that, once they got their act together, they could prove unstoppable? Under his influence, and that of Jo Maso and Jean-Claude Skrela, France have started to do so. Theirs is a new team for a new era and a new stadium, the 80,000seater Stade de France, rising out of the dirt at St Denis. For Villepreux, who has

belatedly found his niche, the



bids farewell to Parc des Princes

manner of victory mattered as much as the victory itself. For me, the big thing was the way they played the beautiful game," he said. "Mentally the players are now ready to run with the ball."

What Sella found most gratifying was the way that France had confronted adversity, especially against England, and an appalling catalogue of injuries, and triumphed, in the process unveiling a new generation of players, all good enough to help France towards the ultimate goal of winning the 1999 World Cup. "Three months ago it was impossible to think we would be winning a grand

slam," he said. We can travel to Australia [for this summer's tour] with confidence. New Zealand are No L but after that we are second along with Australia and South Africa, with England just behind. We have 30 or 35 very good players, before we had maybe 20."

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peaking in the bowels of the stadium, Sella was asked his emotions at France's departure from the Parc. He was surprisingly matter-of-fact. "It is life," he said, "Now that is history. There is much to look forward to. For the supporters, it will be much better.

He was too polite to mention Scotland, for whom the future looks bleak after a season of three record defeats, over a hapless Ireland. Cameron Glasgow's first cap as a replacement after a ten-year wait was heartwarming, but otherwise there was little consolation. After the match, a sombre group of former internationals stood outside the stadium for the last time and, as another band marched past, someone asked: "Where do we go from here?" "La Pigalle," John Beattie replied. It was that kind of day.

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## Lamaison denies malicious intent

By David Hands

THE Scottish Rugby Union yesterday cited Christophe Lamaison, the France centre, for the tackle that knocked Craig Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off half, unconscious during the match in Paris on Saturday. Chalmers had to be taken to

hospital after being carried off on a stretcher early in the second half, although he was well enough to fly home yesterday. Lamaison could be handed a suspension, but insisted that there had been no malice in his actions.

Neil Jenkins was recovering yesterday after the insertion of a plate in the arm broken early in Wales's defeat by England. He will miss the World Cup



Chalmers: fit to travel

sevens in Hong Kong this week and the closing stages of Pontypridd's assault on the Welsh League title. Robert Howley, the Cardiff scrum half, has also withdrawn from

the sevens and their places go to Wayne Proctor, the Llanelli full back, and Darren Edwards, the young centre from Saracens.

Lawrence Dallaglio, who helped England to win the 1993 sevens, will be unable to captain the team this time, his place going to Richard Hill, of Saracens, Dallaglio withdrew from the game against Wales with an attack of tonsilitis.

Bristol will be anxious over Mark Regan and Simon Shaw, their international forwards, both of whom sustained ankle injuries in Cardiff. X-rays showed that Regan, who was carried off at half-time, did not suffer a fracture. Shaw required strapping during the game but

## Larkham's try gives ACT hope

more points away from home

than they managed all last

season. With three home

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games to come. Stephen

Larkham's try, two minutes

the three Australian teams to

proceed, while Natal and

Transvaal, with 100 per cent

records, will dispute the pos-

ition of South Africa's top dogs

Gavin Lawless, playing

ACT look the most likely of

from time, could be decisive.

FROM NICOLAS ANDREWS

IN DURBAN

THE team that wins the Super 12 will surely be the one that copes best with playing far from home, perhaps in unfamiliar conditions, certainly with unfamiliar referees. Ominously for the rest. Auckland, the winners last season, won and drew their first two games in South Africa. On Saturday they rose to second in the table with a 26-16 victory away to Waikato.

Transvaal collected a second bonus point in their 47-29 victory over Otago on Friday night. They lead the table by three points, but their opening three victories have all come at home.

this season for some time vet. Last year Australian Capital only his second Super 12 Territory missed out on a match as the Natal full back. semi-final place by a single was never going to match his bonus point in favour of 50-point tally of last week. A

Natal, who beat them by a minute before half-time he nine-point margin in front of lined up a penalty from half-33.528 sun-soaked spectators way that fell just short - it at King's Park here yesterday. was his first miss in 19 However, thanks to highattempts. scoring performances in That he also failed with a South Africa, the Australians simple conversion after Joos have already garnered two

Joubert's third try did not matter. Although ACT won the second half 26-12. Natal were already too far ahead. Alf three of Joubert's tries came from moves begun deep in his own half as both teams failed to make the most of sustained pressure.

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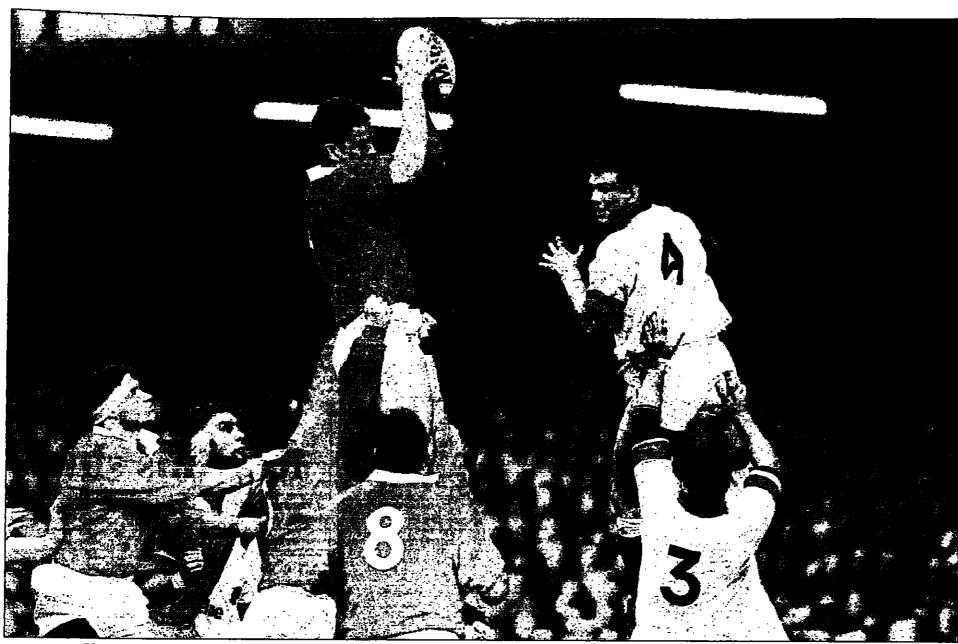
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## Decisive victory over Wales no guarantee of success in sterner tests to come



Llewellyn gives Wales an uplifting moment in the lineout, leaving Johnson to grasp at thin air at Cardiff Arms Park. Photographs: Marc Aspland

# England wear their crown uneasily

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By DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND'S fate this five nations' championship season is to leave their supporters wanting more. Commercially this may be a sound principle, but in sport it leads to frustration, to reflections of what might have been. Yet England's achievement, a twentieth triple crown, is about right for a side that must understand how much better it can

Over the course of the championship, which ended on Saturday, they have contributed as much untidy, inaccurate rugby as they have produced constructive play. yet it is significant that their best periods have come against their best opponents -France and, before the championship, the New Zealand Barbarians. They can raise their game, but they need to do so higher and for more sustained periods, a point that will be emphasised next auturnn, when they are required to face all three southernhemisphere powers within a month.

The niggling feeling as the crowd quietly, trooped away from Cardiff Arms Park and the bulldozers prepared to move in and raze the stadium was to wonder what the New Zealand Barbarians might have achieved against either Wales or England. If this seems to damn England's success with faint praise, it is their own aspirations - and their own failings — that have led to it.

There is no more frustrating sight than a side that works hard to achieve an attacking advantage and then wastes it. as England did three times, by conceding a penalty. Admit-tedly, on the third occasion, it seemed that Graham Rowntree had scored a perfectly good try from a rolling maul. but Joel Dumé, the French

Dumé's decisions were not always comprehensible and all too often his use of advantage rewarded poor play by

Yet we should not be too churlish. There were two uplifting performances to admire from England, over and above displays of genuine quality from Tim Rodber, Richard Hill and Simon Shaw. The first, and more obvious, came from Jeremy Guscott, the halftime replacement for Jon Sleightholme, who suffered blurred vision after Gareth Thomas's knee crashed into his head.

After a cameo performance against Ireland, Jack Rowell, the England coach, described Guscott as a "prince of centres". On Saturday Rowell acknowledged that Guscott would surely go to South Africa with the British Isles and would probably play in the internationals, so quite why he has spent a season among the replacements remains a pertinent question.

As a makeshift wing, his defence was outstanding and he created tries for Stimpson and Hill, the first of which **CARDIFF DETAILS** 

ENGLAND: T R G Stimpson (Newcastie); J M Sleightholms (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequans), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), T Underwood (Newcastie); M J Catl (Bath), A Healey (Leicester); G C Rowntree (Leicester), M P Regan (Bristol), J Leonard (Harlequins), B B Clarke (Richmond), M O Johnson (Leicester), S D Shaw (Bistol), R A Hill (Saracens), T A K Rocher (Northampton/Army) Regan replaced by P B T Greening (Glocester, 4 Imm); Sleightholme replaced by J C Gascott (Bath, 41), Clarke replaced by C M A Sheasby (Wasps, 70); Calt replaced by C R Andrew (Newcastle, 73), Rowntree replaced by D G Gardott (Bath, 41), Clarke (Recester, 73).

finally broke the dam of the Welsh defence. More significant, however, was the second coming of Michael Catt. Before Christmas, Catt was deemed, rightly, to have failed in the England No 10 shirt. Pressed into service against Wales after Paul Grayson's withdrawal. Catt offered his best-balanced display from 21 international appearances. His judgment was mature, his kicking game - with only two

exceptions — entirely accurate,

the width of his passing and

his vision admirable and, to close, his slashing run from a tapped penalty created de Glanville's try, England's

Maybe it was the presence opposite of Jonathan Davies, the little maestro in the red jersey, maybe the presence on the replacements' bench of Rob Andrew, England's past master. Whatever the cause. Catt demonstrated that he can control a game without losing his fundamental running strengths. England's task next

season will be to decide whether to offer him further opportunities - which, given the accuracy of his goal-kicking (he missed only one kick out of seven), they may feel inclined to do - or to restore Grayson. That Catt was given the

chance to run England's show was due to an unselfish display by Austin Healey at scrum half, who started his first international. Healey, whether playing to orders or not, subdued his basic instincts and offered a nicelyjudged garne. That Robert Howley, his opposite number, emerged in credit from the confrontation was as much because Howley was playing behind a pack which dwindled sadly in the second half, and because he had the individual genius to pick a 55-metre path to the try-line which ensured

The best work of each veteran player was done in defence, Davies playing his heart out

that at least a Welshman - in this case Davies - left the final signature at the old Arms That Davies, Carling and Andrew were together by the end was a sentimental touch.

play by Johnson.

known would be a losing cause. Even before the game, the Wales casualty list was a long one. When Jenkins broke his left forearm in the mêlée that followed de Gianville's early break, they also lost their leading points-scorer and a player showing, in his fiftieth international, all the confidence that Proctor, his replace-

ment, could not. While Wales disrupted England's lineout, hope remained. England squandered their best opportunities, Sleightholme was twice denied and Catt's two penalty goals against one by Davies gave them the slimmest of interval advantages. Yet a 14-5 lineout lead for Wales in the first half turned into a 9-3 deficit in the second. The Wales back row made no impact compared with Rodber, who has strung together his most successful championship, and the increasingly influential Hill, who had a hand in the short-side try by Stimpson nine minutes into the second half.

When Carling's fly-hack rebounded straight to Underwood, he had nobody in his way on a 60-metre run to the line, and suddenly England were almost out of sight. A turnover allowed Guscott to glide past two defenders and mesmerise three more before sending Hill over, and de Glanville followed him four minutes later. Stimpson would have added another but for a harsh judgment for foul

Battered Wales, out but not down, still offered the most creative midfield player in Bateman, and Howley's accomplishments - his try was only the fourth that England's mean defence (appreciably better organised than a year ago, Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, suggested) have conceded in this championship. To take it, Howley stepped twice off his left leg without losing a yard of pace. What he can yet achieve behind a ball-winning pack may be seen in South Africa.

## Rowell's claim mauled by skill shortage

his was a poor match for Ian McGeechan to witness before he embarks with the British Isles team to South Africa. He will be dismayed at the quality of the sides from which the majority of his players are likely to be drawn. The management of both Wales and England believe that they have made signifi-cant advances this season. This is true ... to an extent.

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, believes that his team is continuing to make "good progress" in the quality of its play. Certainly Wales have played exciting rugby, but can only show a single victory in a season that had begun with high promise in Edinburgh. The only game in which Jonathan Humphreys, the Wales captain, felt they were well beaten was against England.

Yet while acknowledging this, they must also recognise the fundamental truth that they do not, as yet, have a sufficient number of players to call upon to perform on that plain. The pool of resources is shallow. The game on Satur-day proved what most people had feared from Thursday onwards: that, with so many withdrawals forced upon Wales, the advantage had inexorably shifted in En-

gland's favour. With Gibbs absent, de Glanville and Carling must have slept more securely on Friday night. Thus Wales

style, but need to put it into practice more consistently. Perhaps they will find more players of the right calibre on their summer America. England's progress would appear to be the reverse. They have made

advances this year

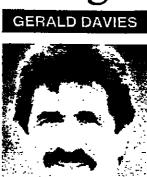
have found the

in that they now bave a well-defined stock of players on which to call and for the Celtic countries to look upon with envy. England can be confident.

Furthermore, they managed to score tries in a manner that had been singularly lacking in recent years. Their 15 tries contrast with three last year and nine the year before. They have also accumulated a record number of points (141) for their country in a championship. These are impressive figures that should leave them contented with their campaign, as any team would be.

The danger is that they may read more into the statistics than they should. They have the strength in depth. They have players of significant strength and size. This is their progress. They are not, however, playing in the style that they seem so ready to claim. The interactive game that they seek is not theirs yet and the question arises to what extent is it in the English rugby

character to achieve it? This team, like that of Geoff Cooke's, is endowed with power and a sense of firm direction. These qualities are allied to organisation and control. These are the solid virtues of English rugby. To say as much is often interpreted as if this is somehow to cavil about the style and as a sign of disapproval. Far from it. The team must be true to itself, to exploit its own strengths. There is an under-



At Cardiff Arms Park

standable reluctance to depart from them.

This reluctance ment attitude to two players over the years. Cooke, for his own good reasons, cast Stuart Barnes aside. The solid virtues were best characterised in Rob Andrew. The two stand-off harves differed. The team's success and Andrew's vital role in it speaks for itself. Cooke strategy was marshalled tactically by Andrew.

For his part, Jack Rowell has cast Jeremy Guscott onto the replacements' bench. Guscott is the silkiest of midfield runners and, as he

demonstrated on Saturday, he can make things happen for himself and those around him with a shimmy, a glide and a sensitive pass. Anyone committed fully to an interactive game would insist on the inclusion Guscott. He is not

committed would insist Rowell on Guscott's the press confer-

'Anyone

game in the championship this season then it was to France we needed to looked. The reason is, in the main, that French back-row forwards, unlike England's, are natural distributors of the ball, not just carriers and chargers. France will avoid look to create them. As Pierre Villepreux, the France assistant coach, said: "If you have to set up a ruck or maul, then, in a sense, the team has already failed. The ball should have been moved on."

The last point is that the players genêrally do not have the necessary handling and positional skills. Sadly, on Saturday, neither side possessed these qualities. The second half, error-strewn, was requirements of rugby at an

The danger for England is in the set-pieces. We shall have to wait and see whether they can offer more.





a wing, though. Might not there be a certain scepticism in the England camp anyway? What did when he said at

ence on Saturday: inclusion' "It is difficult to stop gifted players playing gifted football." What kind of message did he intend to convey with those words to

his players in that unsteady opening period?

No. To see an interactive the rucks if they can, England

mediocre and fell below the international level. that they may come to believe that they are playing in a style that conspicuously they are not lt is their English virtues that need to be recognised and appreciated. McGeechan knows that the England pack will provide him with enough power to match South Africa

# Southampton fall victim to Wenger's cultural revolution



The Dell on Saturday, after a bland and often boring FA Carling Premiership fixture, Arsène Wenger, the Arsenai manager, and Graeme Souness, his Southampton counterpart, presented themselves for analysis.

Wenger, bespectacled and benign, bared his soul on a variety of subjects, from what had gone immediately before to what could happen in the near future. He answered quietly and concisely, wooing the assembled interrogators with his Gallic charm. An international diplomat in complete control.

Souness, red-faced and uncomfortable, carried the air of a condemned man. Although he no longer seeks confrontation, he is unable to hide the

be an exact science. but it reveals much. At angest that he clearly feels. His powers of motivation appear to be waning. He does not look well.

> As owners apparently resemble their dogs, managers reflect their sides. Therein lies the tale. Arsenal, though depleted by injuries and suspensions, continue to make smooth headway. They lie in joint second place in the Premiership, alongside Liverpool, and are only three points adrift of Manchester

If they fail to catch United, so be it. As runners-up, they would still join United in the Champions League, which has been so scandalously devalued by Uefa, the sport's European governing body. Arsenal's supposedly transitional season, as Wenger gradually exerts his cultured influence on Highbury. is Russell Kempson sees Arsenal press their title claims with a 2-0 victory

going quite nicely, thank you. In contrast, Southampton are ailing. Though Souness has bought from far and wide, his mix of continental cast-offs and journeymen Englishmen - plus Le Tissier, lest he be forgotten amid the dross - has proved blatantly inadequate. He conceded as

"It was very disappointing," he said. "We were a wee bit better after half-time, but. once the second goal had gone in, it was all over. If ever the players have to show their mettle, it is now."

Then, the crux of the problem. "It's a dilemma." Souness said. "We have Matt Le Tissier and Eyal Berkovic, both non-tackling midfield players. How do you fit both of them in? If we had more aggressive players, those who would complement them, then maybe we could get

Southampton started off with Le Tissier flitting flatteringly in the void between midfield and the dual forward line of Ostenstad and Evans. After 52 minutes Sourcess brought on Ber-kovic, hoping for fantasy to

away with it."

It did not happen. Arsenal, ahead from Hughes's first league goal, in the fortieth minute, extended their lead when Shaw made his closing contribution to the game,

before being replaced, by turning in Parlour's mishit and deflected shot United should beware.

When Wenger wrote off Arsenal's chances of the title a month ago, after collecting only two points from a possible 12, he genuinely believed that it was beyond them. "I said then that we needed to win four games in a row to get back into it," he said. "We have now won

When they play Liverpool at Highbury a week today. the Premiership could take on a different complexion. Wright, Dixon and Bould will have served their disciplinary penance and Seaman, too, could have returned from injury. Game

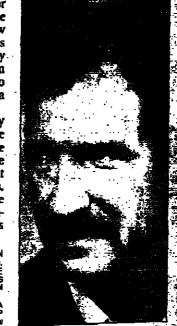
Southampton will be staring up at them, engrossed in

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the never-ending struggle for survival. Yet Le Tissier — the Great Enigma — exhibits few signs of stress, unlike his manager. He strode casually into the press conference, in suit and open-necked shirt, to offer his honest appraisal of a

dire situation. "The task gets increasingly difficult after every game we don't win," he said. "Five wins from our last nine games, that's probably what we'll need." Chuckle, laugh, shrug of the shoulders. He cares, even if the body language lies. If only Souness could chill out, too.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-4-1-2): M Taylor — N
Maddson, C Lundelown (subr K Monkou,
S2mm), R Dryden — A Nedson (subr E
Bentonic, 52), R Saser — B Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Le Tasser — E Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Le Tasser — E Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Le Tasser — E Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Le Tasser — E Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Le Tasser — E Ostersted, M
Charlton — M Keounn, A
Acterns, S Marshell — R Pantour, D Platt, P
Vera, S Hughes, N Winterburn — P Shaw
isubr, R Geode, 75), D Berghamp.
Reference J Winter



#### **FOOTBALL**

## Liverpool indulge brilliance to point of being wasteful

Liverpool ...

By SIMON BARNES

LIVERPOOL took a single point from this FA Carling Premiership match at the City Ground on Saturday when three were there for the taking. They lost their grip on the match and probably on the championship in the course of what looked a decisive afternoon. They did so, if you like your truths unvarnished, because they are too soft.

The question of hardness, in football as in any other matter, is a complex one, and I will move on to it later. First the facts: Liverpool went a goal up in four minutes, played some wonderful foot-

ball for the next halfhour and still managed to let Nottingham Forest back into the game to share the rewards. The Liverpool goal

was a delight. Redknapp to McAteer. McAteer Ferguson was wonderful to miss the point by a mile. His skinning Woan and laying the hall back. Fowler finishing with a flick-up and a placed rather than a wellied volley. Some of the football that followed made you gasp at its imagination, its touch, its relentlessness. Pass after pass after pass. Wonderful, as I

But was it really all that wonderful? The plain fact of the matter is that they did not actually score the necessaryinsurance goal. Perhaps that Perhaps I failed to appreciate the finer points — but then the number of goals you score does rather tend to be decisive in football matches.

When people talk about selfindulgence in football, they generally mean the player who always shoots when he ought to pass, the winger who always takes on a man too many and loses the ball, the defender who fannies about in

But Liverpool are not like that. The corporate ethic is, as ever, the strongest thing about them. One for all and all for one, but the present side has elevated this concept to a point where it has become mad selfindulgence. Liverpool are, if you like, self-indulgently

McManaman, a wonderful player who can hit the ball accurately at any target so long as it is not the goal, is the epitome of this Liverpool side. His flaw is Liverpool's flaw. Too much wonderfulness, a lack of hardness.

Manchester United's initial championship side under Alex

#### 'They lost their grip, if you like, because they are too soft

enough. with Giggs and team played brilliantly for half it had a spine of hardness that ran right through the middle of the team: Schmeichel, Bruce, Ince. Hughes, After this, the Liverpool team is an invertebrate.

Liverpool teams of the earlier dynasties, the ones accustorned to success, never lacked hardness. Smith, Kennedy and Souness (as player) are obvious examples; but let us get the idea of hardness clear in our minds. Hardness is not a synomym for nastiness. This is a common error in football and in all walks of life.

The Leeds United side of the 1970s was not without nastiness, but they never quite won as much as they should have done, never did themselves full justice. They were, if you like, tough to the point of self-

They proved that mere nastiness does not make you hard. Hardness is more about clarity of purpose. Seeing things whole. Leaders such as Sir Alf Ramsey had it; Alex Ferguson has it. Brian Clough had it, so did Bob Paisley as he took Liverpool to their plateau

Some years later Graeme Souness took over as Liverhard to be hard. He was not, therefore, truly hard in the Ramsey-Paisley sense of the term. In Souness, hardness was another form of self-

Roy Evans, his successor, is charming contrast. He comes across as a thoroughly decent man and people will say that he is "too nice"

to be a real winner. There is certainly a flaw in his approach, but it is not niceness. It is a valuation of style over content. "We did not keep the ball," he lamented, but that was

score. They were unable to take control of the match, of their destiny. Dave Bassett, the Notting-

ham Forest general manager, said that Liverpool's first-half performance against New-castle United last Monday was the best football he had seen by any team anywhere all season. Jolly good, but Liverpool then surrendered a threegoal lead before winning by the odd one in seven. That is

not hardess. A team fighting a relegation battle needs a certain amount of hardness and Bassett is not without that quality. The Forest side has taken on a little of it, too, but not yet enough. They equalised after James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, came too far for a Pearce free kick and ran into Bassett's



Matteo, right, the Liverpool defender, grapples with Van Hooijdonk, Forest's new signing

save-the-day signing, Van Hooijdonk. The ball fell for Woan, who scored with the air of a man eager to atone for his

both teams lost. Forest might yet achieve their limited objective - survival - but Liverpool look to have let the championship go. Certainly it will take something pretty wonderful to win it from here. There is something not quite right about this team, something not quite to be trusted. In love with the Liverpool tradition of "wonderful" football, they prefer the frame to the picture. It is a lovely frame, certainly, but it would not

have distracted Paisley for a

nanosecond. His tradition of excellence has been misunderstood by his heirs.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3-5-2): M
Crossley — S Cheffle, N Jerkan, S Peance
— D Philips, D Lyttle (sub: N Clough,
Sörmin), S Gennmil, A I Haaland, I Wosn —
D Saunders, P ven Hoopdonk,
LIVERPOOL, (3-4-1-2): D James — B T
Kvarme, M Whight, D Mattoo — J McAteer
(sub: S Harikrisss, 49), J Redforapp, J
Barnes, S I Bjornebye — S McManarman —
P Berger (sub: 3 Collymore, 75), R Fowler
Referes: R Dillyes.

## Tottenham cash in as Yeboah loses his shirt

Tottenham Hotspur...... 1

By Brian Glanville

Leeds United...

IN THE midst of mediocrity. even sideshows are welcome. We had one after 27 minutes of the second half when Tony Yeboah, Leeds United's hugely expensive, quite ineffective. dissident Ghanaian centre forward, was pulled off the field by George Graham, his manager. Yeboah, who has been saying for some time that Graham does not want him in the team, and on Saturday showed us just why, promptly pulled off his jersey, strode off the pitch to the jeers of the crowd and, in the traditional manner, lobbed his shirt in the direction of the bench.

'Petulance," Graham said, having tried to evade the issue. "He'll be disciplined by the club. End of story." The real end will doubtless be that Yeboah will be sold for a great deal less than he cost.

Leeds had two other centre forwards on the field. One was Brian Deane, who, Graham said. was suffering from a damaged hamstring. The other, mysteriously deployed in midfield, was the most famous of the three - Ian Rush. Why, choose to put Rush in what might well be an invidious position, who can say?

Up front, he can snap up unconsidered trifles and is capable, sporadically, of making something out of nothing, which he almost did, four minutes after Yeboah's surly departure, with a snap shot at the near post. Ian Walker took it comfortably.
Tottenham Hotspur domi-

nated the first half, although Leeds improved in the second. when they switched from 5-3-2 to 4-2-4. Tottenham could have had "lots more goals." Graham said. Gerry Francis, their manager, could not understand how they failed to score in the first minute.

Sinton and Austin combined on the right, Sinton crossed and the Leeds defence Iversen. Iversen shot, but Martyn saved. "I don't know how Steffen did not put that one away." Francis said. "Martyn made a great save, but Steffen should have tucked it in the corner."

As Francis said, Tonenham "created a number of chances which should have put us in a better position at half-time. They did, however, get the game's only goal, in the 26th minute. The movement came down the right, where Tottenham and Austin, their overlapping wing back, in particular, had been causing all kinds of trouble. Scales, one of Tottenham's three defenders, burst into attack, sent over a long cross, Sheringham headed back from the far post and Anderton, forgotten on the blind side, scored easily.

For Francis, Scales was "the man of the match". He won the aerial battle with Deane, he won the ball and came out with the ball. Once, Scales went round Bowyer like a winger and put over another cross that was returned by Anderton, headed by Sheringham, but saved by Martyn.

Leeds might have equalised at the end of the first half when Bowyer met a clearance on the ful right-foot shot that Walker caught above his head. Then, nine minutes from the end, Sharpe's corner from the right was headed by Bowyer at the near post, only for Sinton to nod out at the far one.

Each manager complained that his team had players who were not fully fit. Graham said that he needed new ones; Francis bewailed yet another injury, this time to Iversen. who was carried off with a damaged knee. "The way things have gone this season." Francis said, "Steffen will have a ligament problem."

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-5-2): I Walker C Celderwood, J Scales, S Campbell — D Austen, J Dozzall, A Sinton, D Anderson, S Carr — S Ivonsen (sub: R Rosenthal, 82mm), E Shemigham.

LEEDS LINITED (3-5-2). N Martyn: — L Rodeba, R Molenaar, G Halle — G Kelly, L Sharpe, I Rush, L Bowyer, A Dorigo — A Yeboah (sub: I Hane, 72), B Deane.

### **Rovers too slick for** tiring Wimbledon

Blackburn Rovers ...... 3 Wimbledon.....1

By a Correspondent

A SEASON that began badly for Blackburn Rovers, then fell away, is threatening to finish with a flourish. After so much effort and polish, Wimbledon's season hinges on the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea. Joe Kinnear, their manager, will hope that his team's chances of strutting out at Wembley and reaching Europe, via the Cup Winners' Cup, will not be handicapped by wear and tear.

Blackburn, playing attractively and keeping the ball on the greasy Ewood Park pitch rather than above it, ruthlessly exposed Wimbledon's faligue. It was their ninth game in 29 days and their 42nd of the season. Kevin Gallacher recorded his first hat-trick for Rovers with a clinical scoring touch, the first two goals aided by rare errors by Neil Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper. He will be hoping that he has purged himself of "butterfingers" in one match and will resume the season free of the

Wimbledon are not the first team to be punished for progress in cup competitions. but Kinnear, promising to field the strongest possible teams leading up to the semifinal on April 13, "out of respect for our opponents". will anxiously monitor his players' fitness levels.

Tony Parkes, the caretaker manager who has masterminded Rovers' recovery since taking charge after their grim start of four points from ten games, believes that six more points will ensure that Roy Hodgson, his successor, a former manager of the Switzerland national side, will inherit a Premiership side when he leaves Internazionale in the summer.

Rovers could not have played more cohesively as a team, relaxing just once to concede a goal to Efan Ekoku. Wimbledon had neither the energy nor the enterprise to bounce back from 2-1, and Gallacher. Le Saux. Pedersen and Wilcox might easily have added to their discomfort.

It was a happy foomote for those Rovers players involved in an embarrassing "scene" in a VIP enclosure during the Cheltenham Festival. Hodgson, who is sent video recordings of Rovers' games, will sense that he is backing a potential winner, with a capable assistant in the longserving Parkes.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2) T Flowers
— Jhenna, H Beng, C Hondry, G Le Saux.—
T Sherwood, W McKinlay, G Flucrott, J
Wiccox.— K, Gallacher (sub P G Bons, 87mm) P Pedersen (sub P Warturst, 76)
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2) N Suthers — K
Curinercham, C Perry, D Blachwell, A
Kumble — O Leonheritsen R Earle, V
Jones, J Goodman (sub M Harford, 31) —
E Bicklu, M Gayle,
Pedersen C Roll

### Referees err on side of caution STEVE

jumping on a bandwagon that has picked up pace recently, but I found myself in a ridiculous situation last week that has got me thinking that the time has come to look at referees. This is not some sort of personal criticism; I am not suggesting that referees are not doing their jobs properly. Rather, it is the issue of how they are encouraged to interpret the rules of the game that concerns me.

Against Newcastle United last Monday, I was booked when I pushed David Batty after he seemed to tread on me a little carelessly, shall we say. It was only an innocent push, I was just trying to take a free kick quickly, but I was shown a yellow card.

Two days later I picked up the newspapers to find that, if the caution was a three-point offence - the standard - I would be banned for the important visit to Arsenal after reaching the 21-point disciplinary barrier. It is almost amusing now, but then it was a real shock. I had no idea that I was even remotely close to the magic number. I went into work and asked the manager if I was banned, and

he just said: "What for?" It was a great surprise because it has never happened to me before. In the end. David Elleray, the referee. decided that it was only a two-point offence and so I am still one point away from being banned. I was lucky,

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on falling foul of the men in the middle

because two-point bookings are usually for having your hair out of place, or something like that.

I was lucky to get a less serious caution, but distinctly unlucky to be in the position in the first place. I am not trying to portray myself as an angel; I am not saying I have never done anything wrong: but I do feel I am frequently more sinned against than sinner on the pitch.

People have asked me what have got all these bookings for -- six or seven. I believe -and I just say it is for being hoofed all over the pitch. The serious point is, though, that I could have missed a game vital to Liverpool's season, a significance now after our disappointing result at Nottingham Forest.

Yet at least two of the bookings were harsh in the extreme. Against Chelsea, I was booked for getting in the way of a Dennis Wise foul. What appears to be happening is that referees are becoming far stricter. This is where I think there

is room for a review, because it seems bizarre to me that I can be Liverpool's worst offender. I am not exactly a hard man and it gets more ridiculous, because Robbie Fowler has the next most bookings after me. It is coming to something when forwards are getting so many cautions, but it seems that referees are working to the letter of the

In fairness, we don't know the pressures they are under from their superiors and it does seem that they are obliged to be so strict, but everyone will benefit if they could be allowed to use a little more common sense. Players love referees who will have a laugh and joke; referees you can take the mickey out of and who do it back - but still book a bad tackle. What we are not so keen on are those referees who say nothing and run away when you try to talk to

aware of the tensions, the pressures that surround a big game, such as ours against

that, you are bound to get incidents that seem to spring up out of nothing. like the one involving Batty and me. It is iust an emotional response because tensions run so high on the pitch. Afterwards, everything is fine.

game against Newcastle was so hyped up because of our 4-3 victory over them last year. The atmosphere, the excitement levels, the nervouse tension of the crowd, it all gets to the players. You sometimes hear of players "choking" in big matches, and that is really what it is - the atmosphere getting to them.

🗻 atty was just a little worked up because his side were losing 3-0. and you expect players to react like that in such a situation, they wouldn't be human otherwise. It's not a problem, and we will probably have a laugh about it the next time we meet.

Even with situations like the one involving Ian Wright and Peter Schmeichel, a lot of it is merely tension generated by important matches. Both players are intense, desperate to succeed and conflicts can happen. Off the pitch, though, generally everything is forgotten. That is why I think referees should be encouraged to exercise a bit more common sense. After all, spectators are there to see a game

### **Credit to West Ham** as Villa's form fades

Aston Villa West Ham United.....0

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

IF WEST HAM are relegated, it is hard to imagine that the supporters of other FA Carling Premiership clubs will miss them. Their 14 away matches have yielded a paltry 24 goals, the lowest aggregate in the division, and that total, of which they have contributed only seven, seldom looked likely to increase on Saturday.

At Upton Park, it is another matter, as seven goals scored and five conceded in their past two home matches suggest, but Harry Redknapp, the manager, is unable to explain what goes wrong on the

foreign fields.
"We didn't play any different today to the way I play at home," he said. "In fact, I played an out-and-out left winger — Stan Lazaridis is not a left back of any sort — and we had no defensive midfield players."

In fairness to West Ham. they emerged with the greater credit from a dismal game. A cross by Lazaridis set up John Hartson's low shot ten minutes before half-time, blocked instinctively by Bosnich. which was to prove the closest that either side came to breaking the deadlock, although Bosnich had to be alert in the second half to prevent Kitson

through pass. The first was a reat save by Bosnich." Ředknapp said.

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Villa are playing poorly, and looked a pale shadow of the team that, last season. finished fourth in the Premiership, reached an FA Cup semifinal and won the Coca-Cola Cup. Brian Little, the manager, however, preferred not to dwell on past glories. "We are now a top six team, whether we played well or not, and have been all season," he said. "I would have taken that 18 months ago. My next role is totry to create a team that shouldn't be out of the top three.

The West Ham defence allowed Villa only one chance, but Hendrie's effort was blocked by the excellent Julian Dicks. Excellent, that is, apart from a booking for dissent that will rule him out of a home match against Middlesbrough, which is beginning to look highly significant.

Redknapp met the prospect of losing such an influential performer for such a vital game with a fatalistic shrug. That's Dicksy for you," he said, "He contests every tackle - and every decision." .

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2) M Basnichi — U Bhogu, G Southgale, D Hughes — F Nelson, A Townson, I Taylor, M Draper (sur) L Horstein, 71min), A Winght — D Yorke, J Josehm (sub T Johnson, 75), WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L Milliosho — S Ports, S Bilic, J Dicks — 7 Breacker, F Lampard (sub; R Ferdrand, 31), J Monour, 1 Bichop, S Lazandis — J Hartson, P Kilson Releree; D Elleray.

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Parity was restored nine minutes from the end, however, when Mackay, the Celtic central defender, was shown the red card after committing a second bookable offence, by felling Laudrup. The make-up of these sides was prone to subtraction, but the nature of the match never altered. Rangers deserved this vic-

By Kevin McCarra

ing the day on which they surely grasped a ninth successive Bell's Scottish

League premier division title.

Their joy will also take the form of a celebration of their

Richard Gough, who has

been burdened with a calf injury, compelled himself to

survive for 63 essential min-

utes, but the captain had to

leave his side to cope by

themselves with a passage in

which they were reduced to

ten men. On his return to Rangers, Mark Hateley was

sent off, in the 67th minute,

Cafter becoming involved in an

altercation with Kerr.

own durability.

tory, just as they merit the championship that, with an eight-point advantage to sustain them over six remaining fixtures, they are virtually certain to collect. Celtic have, Tor the first time, lost all four of premier division fixtures of a season to their rivals. As so often. Walter Smith's side was the clear expression of a careful plan. The strategy may have been simple, but it was also sturdy.

Celtic, although they were to hit the crossbar through Di Canio, fumbled unavailingly

Tennents Scottish Cup defeat of Rangers ten days ago and were never permitted to examine the credentials of Goram's replacement, Dibble. The IN ERROR and anger, a championship was decided. English goalkeeper was not forced to make a single save The cantankerousness of this and enjoyed the protection of a Old Firm match will not midfield that, with the incluprevent Rangers from honour-

Rangers primed

to celebrate

nine in a row

stifle and block. Tommy Burns's side, who depend on a nimble, one-touch style, looked as cramped as men in a crowded lift. The frustrations bred ugliness and, at the end, Di Canio had to be restrained from embarking on a fight with Ferguson. It was the last indignity for Celtic that they could not even

sion of Moore, was geared to

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accept with grace the fact that Rangers will now match their record of nine consecutive

championships.

Despite installing all necessary precautions, Rangers had not come purely to flaunt a security system. They manufactured the few opportunities of the afternoon and, on the break, engineered the flowing play that always eluded Celtic. The single goal rested on a mistake, but Durrant showed an architect's imagination in

building upon it. While the midfield player is rarely required, he has never been a journeyman and only a terrible knee injury has mangled what should have been a majestic career. Even so, he still has much to cherish. Durrant's few appearances are the limited edition of luxury goods. He may not have been included in the side since November 2, but his

flighted a long free kick down the left that dropped over Annoni and Laudrup. Stubbs moved in to deal with it, but glanced his header to the side of Kerr, who had come to collect. Durrant, with his darting intelligence, was ruthless in his reactions, instantly stretching to lift the ball into the goalmouth. Mackay and Laudrup chased in frantically, with the Dane prodding home into the unattended net.

Celtic will sigh over the Di Canio volley that was crashed against the bar in the fortieth minute, when the game was goalless. Their next opportunity, though, came only in the final moments as Annoni glanced past the post.

The second half was notable principally for Kerr's saves from Laudrup and Albertz and for Hateley's dismissal. Aggression had been his sole contribution and it also brought an early conclusion to his involvement. He and Kerr quarrelled over the award of a free kick and the Rangers player made slight contact on the goalkeepr with a butt. The Celtic player was booked and Hateley dismissed.

the subject of a report by Hugh Dallas, the referee, and probably faces a suspension. Celtic, though, have lost far more than the services of a key man. "We are in a good position," Smith said circumspectly, knowing that frenzied jubilation could be left in the experienced hands of the Rangers supporters.

Di Canio is now liable to be

CELTIC (3-5-2): S Kerr — E Annoni, A Subbe (sub: S Donnelly, Sămini), M Mackey — J McNamera, P Graint (sub: D Hannah, 68), P McStay, P O'Donnell, T McKinley — J Cadete, P Di Canio.

RANGERS (3-5-2), A Dibble — A McLaren, R Gough (sub: C Miller, 63), J Bjorklund — A Cietand, C Moore, I Ferguson, I Durrant (sub: A McCotst, 85), J Albertz — M ristelev B Laudrum.



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Durrant is mobbed by his delighted team-mates after creating Rangers' winner at Celtic Park yesterday

## United's rich inconsistency provides food for thought

Tempers boil over as frustrated Celtic lose grip on cherished championship record



Cole: instinctive

by stares out benignly chips or hamburgers and there is even a pig revolving on a spit at one of the stalls. Supporters shuffle by, food in one hand, a carrier bag full of souvenirs in the other. When they stop moving, someone invariably produces a video-camera. They smile and raise an uptorned thumb. The moment will be replayed

many times. If, months later, someone asks who Manchester United played on the day, or the score, the likelihood is that the supporter will struggle to remember. These days the institution of Manchester United is often more of a celebration than the football

they that produce. Although they won relatively easily against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, this performance was typical of a season that has seen United score more than two goals on ship. Only Sunderland, who were beaten 5-0 in December, can be said to have gone the

way of the pig and suffered a

roasting at Old Trafford. At times United's play was exhilarating, with players moving to and fro like flickering shadows, but then it diffused and ambitious moves dissolved amid mistimed and misplaced passes. In culinary terms, Manchester United embraced the dash and flamboyance of nouvelle cuisine but spoilt the effect by providing a side dish

of chips. The game started in lively fashion, with Sheffield Wednesday matching United's enterprise. Humphreys shuffled through the United defence and played a perfect pass to Hirst. He swiped at the ball Mark Hodkinson sees a baffling mix in the 2-0 defeat of Sheffield Wednesday

and it barely moved forwards when it should have been thumped into the United net. "I thought Hirst would score he has a good record against us." Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said.

Giggs then fed Cantona and he delicately placed the ball through a packed penalty area into the path of Cole. It was the consummate pass for Cole, who is a better player when he is impelled to trust instinct and speed of thought. The ball was in the net before Wednesday had even contemplated a tackle. Cole's celebrations were excitable and profuse and may have contributed to a thigh strain that saw him substituted minutes

Carbone, replete in green boots, danced through the

midfield with a lightness of touch that suggested he might have been wearing carpet slippers. However, his vision and expertise were not equalled by his colleagues

and he was often forced to

double back and look for support. Pressman made several saves before United reinforced their dominance with a second goal. Cantona skilfully allowed the ball to roll down his ankle and played it to Solskjaer, who unselfishly passed to Poborsky. He drilled the ball into

the roof of the net. Wednesday, playing their third game in six days, battled well and were clearly concerned about maintaining their respectability.

wide after he had raced through the centre of the penalty area. United domimatch without finding the incisive edge that won them such acclaim after their de-molition of FC Porto. Giggs was particularly profligate. While he remains a thrilling player on the ball, his divi-

dend of three league goals this season illustrates perhaps the only flaw in his David Pleat, the Wednesday manager. said: "We have no complaints. The scoreline was fair. I thought at one point that it was going to be a lot worse. I kept looking at my

watch wishing we were back

on the coach going home." It was apparent afterwards that the European Cup quarter-final, second leg this week was occupying the thoughts

of Ferguson. He was happy simply to

a fierce shot and Giggs shot hazardous league match nesday side.

concentrating on what we had to do," Ferguson said. "We knew that one silly performance could be costly and we did not want to slip up. We had the composure to keep the ball and be sensīble.

The victory consolidates United's position at the top and, in a season in which no Premiership team has shown consistency of flair and ruthlessness, their running buffet of sporadic brilliance may be as good as it gets.

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next evening, and some of their football was simply

Juninho should have had a

hat-trick, but had to settle for

one goal, in the 26th minute,

when Emerson's wonderful

pass enabled him to race clear

and skip past Poole before putting the ball home.

Juninho then set up Beck to

score emphatically in the 35th

The rest was academic

Leicester gave themselves a glimmer of hope when Mar-

shall headed in from Gray-

son's cross two minutes into

the second half, and, with

Grayson getting closer to

Juninho than anyone had

done before, Middlesbrough

were never quite the same.

However, their defence held

Nobody was more relieved

out comfortably enough.

breathtaking.

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### Yet Cantona hit a post with Brazilians warm to task

Derby County .....0

By DAVID MADDOCK

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JOE ROYLE, the Everton manager, has the appearance of a favourite uncle: red-faced and cuddly, with a string of reassuring quips. That he can still pull off such an act after a game like this is credit his composure. There was little hint, outwardly, of the pres-sure that he described as bursting out of Goodison ark at the moment".

Only Royle's voice betrayed him as he reflected on an important victory, the faint flutter at the end of his conversation revealing a marked sense of relief. Massive relief, in fact, because this victory has all but extinguished the possiblity of relegation. They could still go down, of course, but only if unmitigated, wide-screen

disaster were to strike. For Royle, it means an opportunity to address the panic of recent weeks, a chance to plug the holes that have appeared so close to the waterline. Many judges felt that the appalling display against Arsenal, two weeks ago, had signalled the end of

his career as manager. It was a wrong assumption, and now he at least has the time to bring in a few players, to perhaps shape a side over the remaining matches of the season that will offer real promise

He knows it. "You could fee! the tension building around this place, and that win has really taken the pressure off us," he said. "It means we can enter the transfer market on our own terms. We can buy players we really need rather than going out to get stopgaps.

Royle's immediate response will be an attempt to lure Trevor Sinclair away from Queens Park Rangers in a bid to restore balance to the right side of the team. In his programme notes, Royle also hinted at even bigger fish to be fried. "I can certainly say that some of the names we have looked at would open people's

eyes," he said. He will have to close a deal soon, because victory cannot disguise the fact that the



Royle: unflappable

Everton can breathe easy disturb Manchester United or Liverpool. Against an admit-tedly desperate Derby County rearguard, they simply flung

long balls forward. Credit, then, to their perseverance, because the tactic finally worked in the 78th minute. Another hump into the box, another nod down by Duncan Ferguson and Dave Watson provided a captain's inspiration by firing home.

We were very disappointed at the end of it because, even though they had most of the hall, they were just lumping it forward, and our attacking situations were more dangerous." Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said. He had a point, but his

argument was undermined by the performance of Aljosa Asanovic, his Croatia international midfield player, who, barely minutes into the match. appeared to have given up. With Derby now sucked

into the relegation mire after this defeat. Smith said: "We are looking at 39 points really, and we have got five home games left, so that must be our saviour. We have to get the two wins we require from those home games."

EVERTON (3-4-1-2). N Southell — D Unsworth, D Watson, C Short — E Baner, J Parkinson, C Thomsen (sub M Hortiger, Börnin), T Preten — N Barmby — D Ferguson, M Branch (sub: G Stuert, 45) DERBY COUNTY (3-3-2-1-1) M Taylor — Leusen, P McGrath (sub: M Carbon, 69), Rowett — L Carsley (sub: P Simpson, 65) Trollope, C Poweli — C Dailly, D Poweli —

#### Vieira goes in the dock over clash

ARSÈNE WENGER, the Arsenal manager, is to study a video recording of an incident involving Patrick Vieira, his French midfield player, and Matthew Le Tissier, the Southampton captain, during the second half of Arsenal's 2-0 win at The Dell on Saturday (Russell Kempson writes).

Vieira appeared to strike Le Tissier, but escaped with only a booking from Jeff Winter. the referee. "I didn't really see what happened, but, if Patrick has done something wrong. then I will take the matter further." Wenger said.

Le Tissier played down the clash. "Vieira caught me a bit late and I flung my arm out and caught him on the side of the head," he said. "He then reacted by shoving his shoulder at me. That's all it was." Vieira's caution is likely to take him over the 33-point

his second two-match suspension of the season during the FA Carling Premiership សn-in. Wenger is still looking to strengthen his squad before the transfer deadline on March 27 and has invited Alexander Manninger, 19, the Austria Under-21 and Casino

Graz goalkeeper, for a two-

day trial at Highbury this

disciplinary mark. leading to

#### Leicester City .. Middlesbrough.....3

BY PAT GIBSON

LIKE flowers that bloom in the spring may be an appropriate analogy when judgment is passed on Middlesbrough, still bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, but already through to the Coca-Cola Cup final and with only Chesterfield to beat to reach the FA Cup final.

Throughout the winter, their supporters have clung to the belief that all would be well once the boys from Brazil felt the sun on their backs. There was every reason to suspect they may be right from the way that they demolished Leicester City in this dress rehearsal for their first Wembley date, a fortnight on Sunday. If Juninho and Emerson can play as they did in a relegation dog-fight in the confines of Filbert Street, Leicester must be alarmed at what they could do on the big

The other sides in the bottom half of the Premiership also should be alarmed. This victory enabled Middlesbrough to make up significant ground and, with three home games coming up, they could soon be out of the bottom three even without a successful appeal against the deduction of three points for failing to fulfil their fixture against Blackburn Rovers. Middlesbrough were missing seven first-team players through injury on Saturday and several more were suffering from a virus. Of those, only Festa, the Italian defender, pulled out. and, although one or two were

sick at half-time, they were not

as sick as Leicester. By then Middlesbrough had scored three goals and might have had seven, such was the ease with which Juninho and Emerson scythed through the Leicester defence once Blackmore had been allowed the time and space to beat Poole from 25 yards in the ninth minute. Leicester were without Keller, Walsh and Heskey and were feeling the effects of their two-hour slog against Wimbledon on Tuesday night

— but Middlesbrough had endured their own ordeal against Stockport County the

Juninho: hat-trick chance

than Schwarzer, their impressive Australian goalkeeper recently signed from Bradford City. He was with Kaiserslautern last season when they won the German Cup but were relegated from the Bundesliga. "People said we were too good to go down," he said, "but we did. I'm just hoping that lightning does not strike twice. Wats, M Ellion, S Pror. S Grayson, N Lennon, G Patker, M Izzel, S Guppy — I Marshall, S Clandge (eub: M Robins,

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#### Newcastle already in mourning for another title missed

Newcastle United ..... Coventry City .....

BY KETTH PIKE

HALF an hour before kick-off, an empty St James' Park echoed to the sound of another title challenge slipped away, and within five minutes of the final whistle the stadium was deserted again, while in the pubs the talk passed quickly from what was - an emphatic victory - to what might have been. It will take a while yet for the Anfield scars to heal, and in Newcastle they seem to have accepted that, by the time they have, somebody else will have walked off with the prize

they crave most - again. There was enough appealing football played against Coventry City on Saturday temporarily to placate the masses, enough proficient defending and high-tempo movement in midfield for Kenny Dalglish to acclaim "the most professional performance since I have been here", which now amounts to 63 days (played ten, won five, lost four). Yet it was largely conducted in an atmosphere that could have been cut with a stick of celery, and without one chant in recognition of the manager. If mistrust is measured in muted support, Dalglish has a rather large PR job

Dalglish may yet prove to be an inspired choice as Kevin Keegan's successor — and he will endear himself to the Toon Army no end if Newcastle can overturn a I-O Uefa Cup deficit against AS Monaco in France tomorrow. However, the events of the past seven days can only have confirmed to him what many already suspected: that Newcastle are too good for the makeweights of the FA Carling Premiership, one notch short of the class that turns pretenders into champions.

Would that they could play Coventry every week; would that they could stop losing the matches that really matter (especially 4-3, in injury time, to Liverpool). Over the years Coventry have have endured regular wallopings in this fixture, and once Watson, released by Asprilla's deft backheel, had given Newcastle a twelfth-minute lead, only the margin of their vic-

Results and tables Birmingham blues. Trouble at Bristol

fair enough. Coventry could be thankful that Shearer and Ferdinand were not available to turn a stroll into a rout.

Asprilla, like Dalglish, has some convincing to do, for Newcastle supporters do not need reminding that, when he arrived on Tyneside 13 months ago, their team led Manchester United by 12 points. His impact on this game, though. was immense, his range of tricks altogether too much for Coventry's well-manned but vulnerable defence.

Having laid on the opener. Asprilla's superbly executed pass on the run from the right flank invited Lee to double the score just before half-time. Asprilla then induced the tackle that led to the dismissal of Borrows midway through the second half, and he won the penalty from which Beardsley made it 3-0.

Quite why Dublin, the perpetrator, was allowed to remain on the field only Gerald Ashby can answer. As professional fouls go, it was far more clear-cut than Borrows's ofdeemed worthy of a yellow card by a referee who had a dismal afternoon.

Asprilla. meanwhile, was being loaded on to a stretcher, his ankle badly bruised. For a maverick who was thought likely to be the first casualty of Dalglish's more ordered regime, he has suddenly become their least dispensable asset. and Dalglish is hopeful that he will have recovered in time

to face Monaco. Asprilla's departure could not spare Coventry from more punishment as Beardsley and Barton sliced through the remnants of their defence to set up Elliott for Newcastle's fourth. Seven league matches without a win, their performance stank of relegation. "If we play like that for the rest of the season, we will go down," Gordon Strachan, the manager said.

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Kick-off 7:30 unless stated TODAY VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Hechestors v. Kiddeminster (7.45): Northwich v. Halitas (7.45): Stavenage v. Albricham (7.45). **TOMORROW** FA CAPLING PREMIERSHIP: Wimbledon v West Herr (7.45). VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Famborough v Weting (7.45)
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leg. Cartisle v Stockport (7.45). Southern section: Final, second leg: Colchecte (0) v Paterborough (2) (7.45).

THURSDAY EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Quarter-linels, second leg: AEK Afhers (t) v Paris Sairo-German (b) (7-15), A3-50 na (1) v Barculona (a), Forerana (2) v Bordina (b) (7-45) therood (1) v SK Brann (1) FRIDAY NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Later V Brentford

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Fernando Mendes, right, the Porto defender, pushes off the challenge of Pedro Barbosa, of Sporting Lisbon, in their Portuguese League match. Sporting won 2-I, their first victory at the Antas stadium for 20 years. Photograph: Paulo Silva

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

7,45, Third division Coloresters Represe (7.45), Contests SATURDAY

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finats, second leg: AS Microst (1) v Newcaste (0), Bronding (1) v Tenente (0) internazionale (1) v Anderlects (1) (7 45) Valencia (0) v Schabe 35 (2) (9 C) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Wimbetton V West Herr (1.45).

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Rovers (7.45). White division: Caroff v Scanocrough.

WEDNESDAY EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Atalian Madrid (1) v Ajax (1): Alberte (1) v Borussa Dormano (3): FO Porto-(3): Mandrester Unised (4): Juvertus (1) v Rosentorg (1): PA CAPLING PREMERSHIP: Cheson v Southampton (7,45): Lelecter v Tohorbarn (7,45): Modifestrough v Basetum

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## Birmingham blues

West Bromwich Albion . 2 Birmingham City ....

By RICHARD HOBSON EVEN after such a sweet victory, Ray Harford, the West Bromwich Albion manager. bore the mournful look of a pall-bearer. Clad in his grey suit, he grimaced his way through the post-match press conference without encouraging conversation. Surely, though, his appearance dis-

guised his real emotions. He must have been delighted. At this stage of the season, Albion are neither in contention for the promotion playoffs nor imperilled at the wrong end of Nationwide League first division. With this

achievement. "It is vital that we demonstrate we can be promotion candidates next season," Sullivan said. Few will have been convinced by a display that

## Fulham's clinical edge delivers vital victory

Leyton Orient .....0

Fulham .....

By Ivo Tennant FOR Fulham to gain promotion from the Nationwide League third division, homely and lowly clubs such as Leyton Orient have to be beaten on their own grounds as clinically and decisively as possible. That was what occurred yesterday, even if both goals, one of them a penalty, were not scored until well into

the second half. Fulham are now level on points with second-placed Wigan Athletic. It was not much of a match, but this was the tenth away victory of the season for Micky Adams's team, and only Wolverhampton Wanderers have done better in England. Blake scored a penalty and Carpenter gained the second goal in

the final minute. After the pitch invasion at Brighton last weekend, when Orient were the visitors, Barry Hearn and Jimmy Hill, the chairmen, went on to the pitch in the spring sunshine before the start yesterday, shaking hands in an appeal for pleasantry between both sets of As for Wilkins, who bravely

#### projected the referee from one Whitby put their crowd to good use

Banstead Athletic ......0 Whitby Town ...... 1

By WALTER GAMMIE

A BANNER reading "Whitby Wembley Winners ... Probably" hung over the railings as the visiting supporters brought noise and colour to a FA Carlsberg Vase semi-final first-leg match that attracted 1,288 people in what Terry Molloy, the Banstead Athletic chairman, described as "an unknown factor ... a crowd"

at Merland Rise. Yet a curious contest left the Federation Brewery Northern League side reluctant to look beyond the return leg on Saturday despite taking a 1-0 lead back to Yorkshire. The goal came in the fourth minute when Logan's corner skimmed the head of Pearson and went in off the forehead of Liddle, the Banstead striker,

and the woodwork. Despite the early encouragement. Whitby struggled to find real fluency, hampered by the ball bouncing around on a firm pitch and the increasingly-confident attentions of their

icis League opponents. Tarr. in the Banstead goal. tipped over a Hodgson shot carefully directed towards the top left-hand corner of his net, and reacted smartly to block a close-range shot by Pitman, but Campbell, his opposite number, came off the pitch the

more battered. He was under intense pressure as he fisted clear a sequence of corners off the head of the powerful Liddle. and when Hall, 18, came on for Kilpatrick, who had struggled with a hamstring injury. Banstead found enough impetus to test Whitby. It left Bob Langford, the Banstead manager, saying: "We've come so far, we're not going to give up without a fight in the second

leg."

BANSTEAD ATHLETIC (3-5-2) S Tarr — R
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I Kapanek (sub. S Had, 73mm), S Liddle.
WHITEY TOWN (3-5-2): D Campbell — D
Goodchild, Pearson, M Cook — A Martin, N
Hodgson, N Goodnek, A Toman, D Logen —
J Bortmutch, P Parrian
Detropic M Fletcher.

#### display, though, they sent their supporters home with hope that good times beckon

FOOTBALL

Harford fails to

see funny side of

The same cannot be said of Birmingham City, who are consistent only in their inconsistency. Yesterday, to use the word of Trevor Francis, the manager, they were "woeful". Nobody could have scrutin-ised more closely the perfor-mance than David Sullivan. the co-owner of Birmingham. Last week, in repeating that Francis is safe in his job, he stressed the importance of the finale to this season of under-

#### miscreant at Brighton, this was more an afternoon of head tennis that football. The ball was in the air far too often, and to little effect. Orient thumped it forward, often from the vicinity of left

back. There is scant purpose

in including a midfield player of vast international experience if he is not to be brought into play more often. Fulham deserved to take the lead midway through the second half, if only because twice in quick succession Shearer and Naylor committed dreadfully clumsy fouls. The second of these, on Freeman, was in Orient's penalty area, and Blake struck the

ensuing kick into Hyde's right-hand corner. Orient came up with little in attack other than one drive from Channing that Walton parried instinctively. Fulham made certain of an important victory when Brooker, finding himself in some space on the right, crossed to Carpenter, who capitalised after two

poor attempts at a clearance. LEYTON ORIENT (4-4-2): P Hyde — D Chepnen, M Warren, L Shearer (sub. S Winston, 75min), D Naytor — J Baker (sub. A Arnott, 22), R Wilsins, J Chemning, L Hodges (sub: M Ling, 26) — C Griffiths, S McGlessh

FULHAM (5-3-2): M Walton — M Lawrence, N Cusack, M Blake, D Cullip, P Watson — R

Bristol City .....2

free, could be deemed a minor

achievement. should their supporters mis-behave again before the end of

the year. Thus, only 700 specially vetted City supporters were allowed to grace the arena with their presence. They were bussed in crammed into a tight corner, guarded by a posse of stewards and police and then bussed out again. Undignified it might have been, but the net gain, a victory that propels City towards a play-off place, must



Holloway: hard-working

night, when we beat Manchester City, can play like this in the next match," he said, "It was pretty woeful, almost rock-bottom. Sometimes I feel like throwing the names into the hat and pulling II out. It is very, very disturbing."

The only mitigation was the loss of Bruce, the towering

might have been forgiven, had

it not also been completely

Albion central defenders.

coped with the aerial threat of

Kevin Francis, and Birmingham, with plan A

foiled, found that they had no

plan B to turn to. Surely a

squad assembled at a cost of

almost £6 million can demon-

Afterwards, Francis was as

honest as he was baffled. "I do

not know how the same play-

ers who can give a perfor-mance as they did on Tuesday

City cuptain, after II minutes. He was elbowed accidentally

below the eye in a collision

with Hunt and, in the next

strate more ingenuity.

Burgess and Murphy, the

ineffective.

challenge, was caught in the same area by Taylor. Bruce will undergo X-rays today. His loss was evident as Albion went ahead four minutes later. Ablett seemed unaware of Sneekes as he ran behind him, chasing a long pass from Agnew. His despairing challenge arrived too late and Sneekes skipped away and cleverly placed his

shot beyond Bennett, the City goalkeeper. Sneekes revelled in his freedom to run beyond the Albion strikers and played his part in the second goal three minutes into the second half. Taylor headed down Sneekes's corner and Hamilton forced the ball

beyond the bodies on the line. This week Albion hope to conclude the signing of Miller, the goalkeeper, who is on loan from Middlesbrough. Francis, meanwhile, has taken Linda Vhutalezhi, a South Africa midfield player, on trial. On the latest evidence, even Linda Lusardi would improve this

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2) A
Miller — P Holmes, S Murphy, D Burgers, F
Agnew (sub S Coldinotr 72min) — P
Domovan, R Seneekes, D Smith, Hamiltor
— R Taylor (sub P Buller 85), A Hunt BIRMINGHAM CITY (3-4-1-2) I Bennet

## City celebrate as order is restored

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

AMID a tense and uneasy atmosphere of mutual distrust and dislike, Bristol's 82nd League derby was played out at the Memorial Ground yesterday. It was not an occasion to savour, such is the antipathy - past and present between the blue and red sections of the city. That the game went ahead and was finished, relatively skirmish-

Much baggage had been carried into the Nationwide League second division tussle, with the corresponding fixture at Ashton Gate in December having concluded in a punch or two short of a riot. Although City subsequently issued life bans on two dozen miscreats. they were warned by the Football Association that they would be deducted two points

Entertained, though, they were not. Few were. City triumphed, on a bumpy pitch and in blustery conditions, because they possessed several individuals - most notably Bent and Hewlett - who were at least able to rise above

the ordinary. We kept our composure and discipline, which gave us the platform to build on." loe Jordan, the City manager, said. "I never thought we were in too much danger. At this stage of the season, the result is always more important

than the performance." Rovers, who lie only three points above the second divi-sion trap door, have nobody to call on in their 12 hours of need. Even the best efforts of lan Holloway, their industrious player-manager, failed to

inspire those around him. City went ahead in the 31st minute, when Agostino burst through three half-hearted challenges before cleverly clipping the half past Collett. It sparked the discovery of a group of senseless City infiltrators in the Rovers-dominated Clubhouse End. After an outbreak of sporadic scuffling.

they were eventually ejected. Peace was restored. Rovers could have equalised, when Owers was harshly penalised for handling a shot that was driven at him by Cureton from close range, but Beadle's weak penalty was easily saved by Naylor. City capitalised, in the 72nd minute, when Goater galloped through to guide in his nine-

teenth goal of the season. Though Alsop headed in Holloway's late corner, it was no more than cosmetic. The damage was done. "It was nice to give our small group of fans something to cheer about." Jordan said. "Overall, I thought the Bristol public handled the situated very well." Only just, Joe. Only just. West, Only Just, Jue; Only Just;
BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): A Collet — D
Prischard, T White, A Tillson, G Power (sub)
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Hayfield, 75), I Hollowey, J Skunner (sub) M
Hasp, 76), L Martin — P Beedde, J Cureton
BRISTOL CITY (4-4-2) S Navior — L Carey,
Redwerds (sub) S Paleison, 46), S Taylor, J
Brennen — J Vent G Owers, M Howler, D
Barnard — P Agostino, S Goaler (sub) K
Nugent, 881



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## Waugh wrests advantage away from South Africa

FROM JACK BANNISTER IN PORT ELIZABETH

PORT ELIZABETH (third day of five): Australia, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 125 runs to beat South Africa

FEW teams have won a Test

by making the biggest score of the match in the fourth innings, but Australia will do so today if they can muster the 125 runs that they need to beat South Africa and establish a 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

South Africa's best chance lies with Allan Donald, who once again bowled magnificently without luck. It is a travesty that his 34 overs in the match have produced only one wicket. He has beaten the bat at least once an over. Conditions notwithstand-

poorly. Leading by 184 at the start of play, they lost all ten wickets for \$5 runs in 44 overs, and half of the top order again got themselves out. Exempt from criticism were Kirsten, bowled from around the wicket by Gillespie for 43, Cullinan, who was given out

leg-before to what television

ing. South Africa again batted

replays suggested was a noball, and Cronje, who was deceived by Bevan. Kallis was brilliantly thrown out by Blewett to start a run of three wickets in 16 balls, and two in seven for Gillespie, who had Adam Bacher mis-hooking to long leg for 49. Gillespie's opening

McGrath had Gibbs driving loosely to slip at 122 for five, the door was open for the Australia spinners. Bevan went around the wicket and won a leg-before decision with the last ball before lunch when McMillan missed an ugly

In came Pollock with a runner, the plan being for him to attack while Cronje tried to stay and extend the lead to more than 300, but Cronje failed to pick half a dozen googlies from Bevan, the last of which took the edge to give Healy his 299th Test

Pollock was next to go, legbefore to Warne for 17 to one

redress the balance. PORT ELIZABETH SCOREBOARD

Second Immo: 

Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 2) .........

Total .....

BOWLING: McGrath 13-3-43-1; Grespie 18-4-49-3, S R Waugh 4.3-0-16-0; Blewett 7.3-3-16-0; Warne 17.4-7-20-2; Bevan 13-3-AUSTRALIA: First Innings

that pitched middle and leg

and straightened just enough.

Now it was up to Richard-

son and the tail again, but

Donald and Adams let their

side down with wild strokes -

Adams, indeed, was caught at

Mark Taylor was soon leg-before to McMillan for 13

before Hayden was run out in

comical fashion, but Mark

Waugh and Elliott batted

with freedom to add 83 in 23

overs before Adams took a

return catch to dismiss Elliott

for 44. South Africa might win

only two or three games out of

ten from this position, but

early wickets today will soon

slip off a reverse sweep.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-13, 3-48, 4-64, 5-66, 6-70, 7-85, 8-85, 9-106. BOWLING: Donald 23-13-18-1; Pollock 6-3-6-2; Adams 4-0-5-1; McMillan 14-2-32-2; Crone 14-7-21-2; Kallis 9 4-2-18-1.

Second Innings

Umpres: R E Koertzen (South Africa) and S Venkataraghavan (India).

Extras (b 6. lb 2, w 1) ...... Total (3 wkts) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-30, 3-113 8OWLING Donald 11-2-44-0; McMillan 11-3-24-1; Cronje 8-1-23-0; Kallis 6-1-17-0; Adams 8-1-29-1.

## Pitch cover-up puts Australia in spin

FROM JACK BANNISTER

THE Australia management surface surprising even the local experts with its extravacomplained about the arrangements for covering the pitch on the first evening of the St George's Test match. It seems that they were tipped off earlier in the day that normal hessian covering un-

derneath the plastic sheet

covers would not be used. It is on most Test grounds, and certainly was during the first Test, at Wanderers in Johannesburg. As soon as they saw the sheet covers rolled on with no hessian protection underneath, they approached the umpires and Raman Subba Row, the match referee, to complain.

Their point was that hessian absorbs any moisture created by overnight sheet covering and they wanted a dry pitch on which to bat on Saturday. A study of the rules showed that each ground own method of covering and, therefore no instructions could be issued. Subba Row said: "The rules do not stipulate any particular type of covering and the Australian management ac-

eepted this. "I shall make it an item in my match report to David Richards, of ICC [International Cricket Council) in London, that I believe covering should be uniform on a national, if

not international, basis."

The Australians were clear-

ly unhappy about the pitch

and its behaviour on the first

day, with the richly grassed

Donald was magnificent with a scant reward of one wicket for two spells totalling 18 overs that were wonderful genuinely fast bowling of the highest quality. The fact that no home bowier took more than two wickets showed how Australia contributed much towards a poor performance

gant bounce and movement.

Percy Mclean, the

groundsman, and David

Emslie, the chief executive of

Eastern Province, denied that

they had received any instruc-

tions from the national au-

thority, but Mclean's pre-

bounce would be trustworthy

once early moisture had dried

Australia started the second

dramatic day convinced that

they would bat on a snakepit.

Their approach was tentative,

even when Pollock limped out

of the match, and probably

the series, after taking the

wicket of Taylor in his second

out was wildly inaccurate.

match forecast that

of 98 runs scored to the loss of nine wickets in 58 overs. The rub of the green went against them - Mark Waugh suffered a leg-before decision that, at best, was marginal. Elliott was run out after a piece of ball watching from Steve Waugh, and Bevan's duck came from a carelessly flicked leg-side stroke that gave Richardson the second of his three catches.

### M t. Hayden c Cultaran b Policek "M A Taylor c Richardson b Policek M T G Elbert run out M E Waugh Ibw b Cronye S R Waugh c Richardson b McMillan spell was 9-4-13-3 and, once Early setback fails

DESPITE losing Rahul Dravid to the third ball of the day. India continued to build a solid reply to West Indies' first innings score of 296 yesterday. India reached 287 for two at lunch on the third day of the second Test at Queen's Park Oval in Port of

Their hero of the second day. Navjot Sidhu, the opening batsman, was still there at the interval on 158. Sachin Tendulkar, his captain, who never looked the dominating player he can be, was on 58. Dravid failed to add to his 57 before he was bowled by Curtly Ambrose. His innings lasted 268 minutes and 182

Spain, Trinidad.

balls and he made a vauluable contribution to the second-wicket partnership with Sidhu, which was worth 171 runs. The West Indies' pace attack all howled with good control and accuracy and India only managed to hit two boundaries, both struck by the bat of Tendulkar, in the two-hour period before lunch. India. however, now have the initiative in this Test.

thanks to Sidhu and Dravid,

who frustrated West Indies on

Saturday. The India support-

failed to make an impact in the drawn first Test in Jamai-Playing on the ground where they recorded their last Test victory in the Caribbean 21 years ago. India had earlier

polished off the West Indies

tail after the home team had resumed on an overnight total of 239 for seven, the last three

wickets faling for just seven Roland Holder saw his leg stump dislodged by Sunil Joshi, the left-arm spinner, on 91, after an innings that lasted 239 balls and 293 minutes. Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, was next to be dismissed, when he was caught behind off the bowling

of Saurav Ganguly without scoring. Franklyn Rose had given able support to Holder, contributing 34 in a stand of 69, an eighth-wicket record for West Indies against India.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-29, 3-59, 4-99, 5-149, 6-169, 7-220, 8-289, 9-290.

BOWLING Prasad 26-9-54-1; Kunwila 12-9-36-0; Kumbie 39-8-104-5, Joshi 22.3-3-79-3; Ganguly 5-3-3-1

INDIA: First Imnings

L Campbell c Prasad b Kumble ..... C Williams c Dravid b Kumble .... C Milliams c Dravid b Kumble .... Chandurpaul c Monga b Presed ... C Lara c Azharuddin b Joshi L Hoopor c Azharuddin b Kumble ... I C Holder b Josh J R Murray c and b Kumble ... F L Ambrose c Dravid b Kumble C E L Ambrose c Dravid b Kumble
C A Walsh c Monga b Ganguty
F A Rose c Dravid b Josh
W Drian not out Extras (lb 20, nb 2) ..........

ers will now he looking for a similar performance from Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 6) .... Tendulkar who, like Sidhu, Total (2 wkts) ...... S C Ganguly, M Azharuddin, tN R Mongte, A Kumble, S Joshi, A kuruvilla and B K V rasad to bar. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-171 BOWLING. Ambrose 29-6-59-2; Walsh 29-10-49-0. Rose 24-5-69-0. Dillon 21-4-53-0 Hooper 19-5-44-0. Chanderpaul 2-0-

Umpries: L.R. Barker (West Indies) and S.G. Randell (Australia)

/ V S Laxman Ibw b Ambrose

to unsettle India trous start to their quest for victory late on the third day of

> setback when Sanath Jayasuriya, the opening batsman, ran himself out while seeking

> > 20 for two. New Zealand were dismissed for 273 in their second innings, giving them an advantage of 325 with more than two days to play, before Jayasuriya ran himself out after turning Heath Davis

took off the bails with Jayasuriya just short of his ground. New Zealand's second innings had featured half-centu-

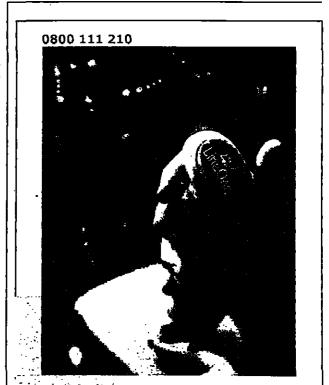
bowler to take 100 wickets in Test matches when he bowled Fleming.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-64, 3-109, 4-183, 5-198, 6-201, 7-211, 8-239, 9-243 BOMLING Vaas 15-3-34-1; Zoysa 22.4-7-53-3, Dharmasena 24-5-75-2; S C de Silve 10-2-29-0, Muralitharan 26-7-62-3.

SRI LANKA: First Innings

BOWLING: Doubl 4-2-4-0; Davis 5-0-12-0; Vetton 2-0-4-1.

Umpires D B Cowle (New Zeeland) and Mahboob Shah (Palastan)



## Sri Lanka face uphill fight M J Home si Kaluwtherana bi Murabitheran 16 "S P Fleming bi Murabitheran 59 N J Astie c Mehanema bi Vaas 52 C L Caims c sub bi Murabitheran 4 A C Parore run ou 2 D N Patel c P A de Silva b Dharmasena 4 SRI LANKA made a disas-

the second Test match against New Zealand in Hamilton yesterday. Sri Lanka's chances of scoring the 326 runs required to win received an immediate

a second run in the second over of their innings. Worse was to follow in the ninth over when Daniel Vettori, the left-arm spinner, bowled Hashan Tillekeratne around his legs before Sri Lanka limped to the close on

behind square leg. Simon Doull, fielding on the fine-leg boundary, ran in quickly and fired a quick and accurate return to Adam Parore, the wicketkeeper, who

ries for Bryan Young, Stephen Fleming, the captain, and Nathan Astle. Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner, took three for 62. becoming the first Sri Lanka

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 222 (B A Second Innings B A Young c Ranatunga b Dhermasena 62 B A Pocock c Mahanama b Zoysa . . . . 7 David Miller laments the devaluation of one of badminton's most prestigious tournaments

# Chinese fail to set the pulses racing

winning four of the five Yonex All-England Open badminton finals, plus the apparent absence of a desire to win shown by their other two finalists and incompetent order-of-play scheduling throughout the tournament, seriously jeopardised the prestige of this long-standing tournament this

Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen. of Denmark, the defending and Olympic champion, who lives in England and was attempting to win his third consecutive title, was regularly and inexplicably put on court so late in the evening that many spectators had left for home, or gone in search of something to eat in preference to the limited

fast-food available at the National Indoor Arena, in Birmingham.

Hoyer-Larsen lost to Dong Jiong, of China, in the semi-final. Much was made of Dong's cheers on the medal rostrum when he lost to Hoyer-Larsen in the final in Atlanta last year. Though he now punched the air when beating Sun Jun. his compatriot. 15-9, 15-5, the one-sidedness left an audience of 5,500 as silent as an undertaker's pariour.

The all-Chinese women's final was even less spectacular. Ye Zhaoying, seeded only to reach the semi-final, beat Gong Zhichao, the No 2 seed. 11-1. 11-3. When questioned afterwards about her meek performance. Gong denied that she was either injured or ill, and said merely that she did not feel in the right condition. It will be asked whether the two women were under instruction from their coaches as to the outcome. Were this Cheltenham, there would have been a stewards' inquiry and the £4.000 winner's prize with-

After losing to Gong in the quarter-final. Susi Susanti, the accomplished Indonesian, had paid tribute to Gong's tenacity in seemed unable to push Ye to a

rally worthy of the name. Sun Jun led 9-8 in the first game against Dong, the pair never having met before at international level, but from then on Sun won only another five points. Dong's speed of reaction, recovery shots at the net and angled smashes gained him almost total command, earning admiration if rarely applause.

Sun's last hope came when he partially recovered from 5-1 down in the second game to 5-3. Dong. regaining service, then played a stunning point of consecutive lightning shots to lead 6-3, and thereafter began to pick his winners at will. He could be said genuinely to have earned his

Seldom did Sun recapture his form of the semi-final, which had enabled him to dispose of Hervanto Arbi, of Indonesia, the reigning world champion. That had been one of the most authoritative performances of the tournament, but in the final Sun was lacking the power and the judgment of line from the previous

day.

The only interruption of the Chinese monopoly came when Ha Tae Kwon and Kang Kyung Jin, of South Korea, beat Jon Holst-Christensen and Michael Sogaard, of Denmark, to take the men's doubles, squeezing home 17-16 in an exciting second set. Ge Fei, of China, who had been the key figure in the mixed doubles semi-final defeat of Chris Hunt and Donna Kellogg, of England, achieved a doubles double: the women's event. with Gu Jun, and the mixed with Liu Yong, each against Indonesian opposition.

The enduring lesson for home players, and for British coaches, has been that as in nearly all contemporary sports, a fundamental requirement is speed. The eyehand-foot reaction of the Chinese Indonesians and Malaysians is such that one wonders whether Europe can build any long-term challenge to Asian supremacy.

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Mimms. "I am tired of people

slagging us off, saying we self-destruct," he said. "We pull

together and make smart deci-

sions. I am tired of people

saying we can't be champions

and I'm tired of people saying

Ronnie Baker had hit three

three-pointers during the first

quarter to signal the Leopards'

intentions, but it was when

Jason Seaman exerted a stren-

uous influence on proceedings

we have no depth.

final quarter.



## Olympic inclusion poses dilemma for the best of British

B adminton is now trapped in the same dilemma that has confronted several British sports over the past halfcentury: the separate affiliation of the home countries to the International Badminton Federation (IBF), with the complication that representation at the Olympic Games is by a single Great Britain team. Football hockey and table tennis in particular, have all experienced difficulty resolving this double-identity existence and indeed, football has preferred latterly not to do so.

The dilemma becomes particularly relevant for the home countries with the probability that badminton's status within the Olympic Games, of which it became a part in 1992, will grow substantially by the turn of the century. If the present decline at international level is to be halted. then performance in the Olympic Games, as a shop window, will become increasingly important, particularly in the attraction of

Television viewing figures for badminton at the Games in Atlanta were huge in China, Indonesia and Japan, three of the foremost playing countries. With Lu Sungrong of China, now president of the IBF, the prominence of the game within the Olympics can be expected to be pursued vigorously.

Although Nick Ponting and Joanne Wright, of England, won the prestigious Yonex All-Eng-land Open mixed doubles three years ago, the last domestic sin-gles victories were by Gillian Gilkes, when she won two of five finals in the Seventies. With all home interest in the singles events at the Ali-England competition this year extinguished by the second round, deciding on the correct route for future development is critical.

Craig Reedie, the former chairman of the IBF, present chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA) and member of the International Olympic Committee, was the most instrumental figure in attaining badminton's Olympic status five years ago. He emphasised the shift within the

game, for which the Thomas Cup, for men, and Uber Cup, for women, have hitherto been, like the Davis Cup in tennis, the foremost attraction.

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"I have no doubt," Reedie said. "that the Olympic gold medal will become the highest prize in badminton. If that is to be so, then we Britain will have to adapt some of our present systems and priorities ... if not, we will deny young players in Britain access to the pinnacle of their sport." The conflict of interest is obvi-

ous, the route unclear. The separate home associations predominantly fund the players' preparation, even though the game is now strongly professional, and support from the BOA for the Olympic Games has hitherto been relatively small. That will change with the arrival of lottery funding and the establishment of the UK Sports Council, with its responsiblity for elite British

Last year antagonism between English and British camps was intensified by the decision by Simon Archer, Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright, three prominent England players, to place preparation for the Atlanta Games above representing England internationally.

Stephen Baddeley, the new elite director of the Badminton Association of England (BAE), is understandably equivocal, acknowledging the double objectives. Of course we [the BAE] recognise the importance of the Olympic Games, but this is not the only priority," he said. "We need to keep things in perspective. The Olympic event comes only once every four years and it is not a team event, as such, for which you need collective preparation under a full-time team manager or

The problem that Baddeley and the BAE somehow have to overcome is that, as last year, individual players are increasingly likely to make their prime target the Olympic Games. It will not be easy for coaches and admini-

DAVID MILLER

**BASKETBALL** 

### Leopards claw back from brink of defeat

By Nicholas Harling

THEIR intimidating style of "streetball" might not be to the liking of connoisseurs, but, if nothing else, the Leopards now command a grudging respect for the devastatingly effective brand of basketball that has swept them to the top of the Budweiser League.

Clearly not sated by their triumph two months ago in the National Cup. the London club have since won ten successive league games, the latest by \$8-84 over Thames Valley Tigers on Saturday, to emphasise that the title is also within their reach.

Not for the first time, the Leopards seized a match that appeared to be slipping from their grasp. Eight points adrift at 76-68 going into the final quarter at Bracknell, they still managed to pull the game from the fire.

It was a meagre feat compared to the previous week's rally from arrears of 20 points to beat London Towers, but Billy Mimms, the Leopards coach, was no less impressed. People lose faith in these guys, but they have the ability to refuse to lose," he said. That's why our motto is

Refuse to lose'. There are still certain mat**ATHLETICS** 

## Regions win cash battle

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE Tug-of-War Association remains a constituent part of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) and, though it was not mentioned by name at the BAF annual meeting in Birmingham on Saturday, the room was full of people pulling in opposite directions. In the most keenly-awaited pull, the South of England Athletic Association (SEAA) succeeded with its resolution to allow national and regional associations to conduct their own television and sponsorship deals, defeating the BAF.

that the Tigers took control. In another acrimonious contest, the usually avuncular Exhausted by the efforts that Ken Rickhuss, the BAF chairbrought him 22 points, Sea-man pleaded for a rest in the man, became involved in a war of words with Sir Arthur "Perhaps I should have Gold, a BAF life member. brought him back earlier," Each accused the other of Mick Bett. the Tigers coach, speaking "untruths" over said ruefully after seeing John whether the BAF or AAA of White complete his tally of 24 England was to blame for the points for the Leopards with AAA championships losing five decisive shots from six at their status as trials for the world championships.

the free-throw line in the last five minutes. On that subject, which Manchester Giants secured means that British championplace in the play-offs by ships will be created to incorfollowing up the home win porate the trials. Rickhuss over Newcastle Eagles on said: "I am devastated because Friday with a 92-86 victory at I really think we are destroy-Derby Storm, whose own play-off hopes faded with

ing ourselves."
The motion to allow national and regional associations to conduct their own television and sponsorship the BAF because athletics is deals, which now needs apperceived as a divided sport proval from the BAF council. As Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, had said arose from the growing poverty among the non-elite. Leagues and coaching have in the week: "There has to be a

As part of restructuring, the BAF has "ring-fenced" its finances, ensuring that television and sponsorship income is spent only in the areas for which the money is provid-

suffered cuts in support as the

BAF's income has nosedived.

MPs from the main parties will this week lend their support to the campaign to prevent the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace from being pulled down by Bromley council.

ed. 'This [ring-fencing] is going to put the regions into a very difficult position." Bill Laws, of Belgrave Harriers, said. They must have opportunity to raise their own funding because it is quite clear those moneys are not going to be forthcoming from the federation."

Such squabbling cannot have impressed the English Sports Council's observer at a time when doubts have been raised over lottery funding for

will to act as one." Radford believes that "ring fencing" will guarantee the lottery money. However, because it is centred on the elite, the clubs feel left out. When Rickhuss said "Surely we are all about athletes?". one club delegate shouted: "The 99 per cent. not the one per cent." Rickhuss also let slip that the four-year television contract

was worth £4 million, previously a guarded secret. Next month Radford departs his post and leaves the sport to seek a successor with financial qualifications, preferably legal experience and who need not know anything about athletics, which will end speculation linking Brendan Foster with the job.

Stephen Gledhill, the director of finance, who is leaving, too, noted that public interest in the sport was flagging, that the federation's cash resources were "dwindling rapidly" and that restructuring was essential. "There are too many vested interests in our sport. too many people all too willing to throw out the anchors to halt progress," he said.

**SNOOKER** 

#### his sights on victory FROM PHIL YATES

IN BANGKOK

PETER EBDON, whose first and solitary world ranking tournament triumph was at the 1993 Skoda Grand Prix. was within two frames of victory over Nigel Bond in the final of the Thailand Open at the Century Park Hotel here last night.

After winning a scrappy thirteenth frame to establish a 7-6 lead. Ebdon emerged as a marginal favourite to collect the £40,000 first prize.

Ebdon, who refused to compromise his new, aggressive approach when beating Ronnie O'Sullivan 5-1 in the semifinal, trailed 4-2 during the afternoon session as Bond, with breaks of 66, 36, 35, 71, 64 and 38, seized early control.

A pair of half-centuries enabled Ebdon to draw level at 4-4 and, when play resumed, contributions of 40 and 58 extended his framewinning sequence to four and guaranteed him a 6-4 advantage.

Bond won a disjointed eleventh frame and then tied the scores at 6-6 by snatching a dramatic twelfth. Leading 62-36. Bond narrowly failed to escape from a snooker on the brown, and, worse still, left a free ball. Ebdon cleared to pink, but, standing one pot away from 7-5, missed the black from short range.

In the light of such a sethack, Ebdon did well to prevail in the thirteenth and leave Bond requiring three of the remaining four frames.

Bond arrived in the final via a 5-4 victory over Stephen Hendry, the world champion, after falling 4-2 adrift. More relaxed than usual, and benefiting from the misapprehension that the semi-finals were contested over the hest of H frames. Bond fought back strongly.

"I only realised that it was best of nine when Stephen shook my hand at the start of the decider," Bond, who also recovered from a 35-0 deficit in the closing frame, said. "I can't believe i made a mistake like that, but, ironically, it helped me."

RESULTS: Semi-finate: P Ebdon (Engl bt R O'Sulivan (Engl 5-1, N Bond (Engl bt S Hondry (Scot) 5-4 Finat: Ebdon leads Bond 76 Frame scores (Ebdon first) 71-8, 24-67, 73-0, 8-65, 11-106, 23-85, 75-38, 72-2, 71-11, 66-18, 29-65, 59-69, 64-17 ICE HOCKEY

## **Ebdon sets** | **Eagles and Panthers** renew acquaintances

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE Superleague championship semi-finals next Saturday will pit Avr Scottish Fagles against Nottingham Panthers in a repeat of the Benson and Hedges Cup final, while Cardiff Devils will play Sheffield Steelers.

place in group B with a 3-2 win over Basingstoke Bison on Saturday, but it needed a goal by Nicky Chinn in the second minute of overtime to defeat a stubborn Bison team, for whom Richard Gallace performed splendidly in goal. They were outshot 38-14.

Needing a win to be sure of a semi-final berth, the Eagles started quickly against Newcastle Cohras and led 3-0 midway through the first period with goals from Sam Groleau, Markus Berwanger and Jiri Lala. Brendan Flynn made it 4-0 in the second minute of the second period, but Anthony Johnson hit back to put the Cobras on the scoreboard. Mark Woolf and Terho Koskela then exchanged goals to make it 5-2 at the second interval.

Jeff Macleod took advantage of a defensive lapse by Ryan Kummu to make if 5-3 early in the third period, but

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain

the final period, but the official missed a blatant Newcastle offence when Jukka Soumalainen brought the Cobras The Steelers clinched second within two with some four minutes remaining. This led to a hectic final few minutes, but Ayr held out for a 6-4 victory and a place in the semi-In the other group B game. Marty Dallman scored in the

Lala restored Ayr's three-goal

margin two minutes later.

Some over-fussy refereeing

saw seven penalties called in

second minute to give the Panthers an early lead over Bracknell Bees. Paul Adey scored either side of the first interval and, with a 3-0 lead early in the second period, the Panthers appeared to be coasting to victory. However. Mike Ellis put

Bracknell on the board in the final minute of the second period and, early in the third, Jeff Johnstone pulled the Bees back to within one goal.

With less than four minutes remaining. Dallman scored his second of the evening to restore a two-goal margin for the Panthers, who withstood a strong Bracknell rally and a Dale Junkin goal in the final

L - lower slopes; U - upper.

#### **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

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FOOTBALL Kick-off 7:30 unless stated Vaudhall Conference Hednesland v Kidderminster (7 45) . Northwich v Halilax (7.45) Slevenage v Altrincham (7.45) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ireland B v fal League (al Tolka Park, 4 0) IC/S LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Garton Rovies Third division: Inng v Flackwell Hoath

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OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Women's British Indoor Championships (al Porth).

**TOMORROW** RUGBY UNION

WELSH LEAGUE: Second division: South Water Police v Llandovery (7 0) CLUB MATCHES: Gloucester v Anny (7 0):

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Women's home into

news of Leicester Riders' 89-67

triumph over Crystal Palace.

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Shef-field v London Towers (7 Oi BOWLS: Women's home international championships (al Parth) GOLF: Sumringdate Foursomea ROWING: Schools Head of the River (Tideway) SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Insh Masters (Co Kildere).

THURSDAY BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Leopards v Leicester (7.0).

BOWLS: Women's home international championships (at Perith)

FRIDAY RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Oldham v Bradford (7:30), Pans Saint-Germain v Leeds (7:0); Warmigton v London (7:30) First division: Dewsbury v Featherstone (7:45). Second division: Lancashire Lyror v Carriele (7:30).

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Rotherham v Bedford, Rugby v Richmond,
Waterloo v Wahefield Third division: Clifton
v Exeter Fylde v Wharfodale: Hawart v
Rosskin Park, Liverpool St Helens v
Reading, Lydnoy v London Welsh Morley v
Herodare, Bedruth v Lends: Wolsali v
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Assalna; Stouth-dop v Lichheld, Worcester
v Winnington Park, Fourth division south:
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Berry Hill v Weston-auper-Maire; Charlton
Park v Metropolitan Police; High Wycombe
v Cheffentam: Newbury v North Walsham,
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WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Newtondgo v Treorchy (2:30) Second division: Aberavon v Abergynon (2:30), Bonymaen v Aberlillery (2:30), Meesleg v Ystradgynlas (2:30), Cardiff Institute v Cross Neys (2:30)

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Dolphin (2:30): NIFC v Malone (2:30);
Skernes v Gerystones (2:30), Sundey's Well
v Clontart (2:30), LUCC v DLSP (2:30)

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BOXING: British super-featherweight championship (vacantir Nail Swam (Wales) v Michael Brodic (Manchester); Super-middleweight bout Joe Calzaghe (Wales) v Tyler Hughos (US) (ar Wythenshawe Forum, Manchester).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser Laague: Crystal Palace v Newcastle (6 0); Derby v Loscepter (7 30); Hernel and Watford v London Towers (7 30); Worthing v Shelheld (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague champ-ionship: Semi-finals: Avr v Nottingham. Cardiff v Sheffind (at Nynax Arena. ROWING: Head of the River (Tideway). SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Insh Masters (Co Kaldare) SOLIASH: Interkrik women's open (&

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SUNDAY RUGBY LEAGUE

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WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Ebb« OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: New-castic v Tharnes Valley (5 30), Shefirold v Crystal Palaco (5 30), Leoperds v Croster (5 30); London Towers v Oorby (5 0) BOWLS. English indoor champion of champions (at Bembridge) MOTOR SPORT: British Formula Three MOTION SHOWS: British Formula Three Championship (at Donington Park) ROWING: Women's University Best Roce (Henloy)
SNOCKER: Berson and Hodges Irish Masters (Co Kildare). SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: East-bourne v Ipswich (3 30). Swindon v

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SWIMMING: British grand pox meeting (8)

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Olympic triumph nine years ago paves way for growth of sport

## Hockey hopefuls seize chance as clubs open doors

NE growing development in hool sport in recent years is been the close involveent of clubs. In many activi-s, clubs now provide the cilities, coaching and, most aportant of all, the higher andards to encourage pungsters to fulfil their

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Hockey is typical. Many of the schoolboys taking part in the under-16 and under-18 ome nations tournament, ponsored by the Centenary hub at Milton Keynes during he past three days, have ttended sessions at leading lubs. This helps to improve heir skills and offers a athway to the adult game. As Martin Rodgers, the

pach to the England under-18 am, said: "After the boom of he 1988 Olympic success, a lot I clubs began junior sections. his meant that we have had fore players who were not om independent schools. In ddition, some boys have been laying hockey at both schools

Three members of the Eng-ind under-16 team who took he title yesterday with three rins and a goal difference of 4. practice at Beeston in ottinghamshire and also at teir schools. However, few thools play hockey during oth winter terms and so the bys attend club sessions gularly.

Andrew West, the England aptain and central midfield layer, is at Rugby, where, aturally, the sport that the chool invented, dominates he first winter term. West's other takes him to Beeston nce a week for hockey ractice. This term, hockey is a ort option at Rugby so this ove is not necessary.



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West captains the under-16 school A team from scrum half, and says: "All my mates are in the rugby team. How-ever, I think I should concentrate on hockey if I am to go any further." In which case, he will attend more club sessions

next winter. West certainly demonstrat-ed rare talent yesterday in a tournament that 20 years ago produced Richard Dodds, Sean Kerly and Richard Leman, all members of the 1988 Olympic gold medal team. Graham Burgess, the England under-16 coach since 1989, said of West: "He leads by example. He is a superb distributor of the ball." West will lead England into

#### Haberdashers' triumph outright

HABERDASHERS' Aske's, Elstree, won the national schoolgirls lacrosse championship outright after sharing the title for three years when they beat St Helen's School, Northwood, 3-1 in the final at Milton Keynes on Saturday.

Oueen Anne's, Caversham, who shared the title last year. pressed them in the semi-final, losing 1-0 in extra time.

have come to expect of these

latitudes and it well and truly

messed up our position on this fourth leg of the BT

Global Challenge. However,

the wind is back now and we

are in the middle of our third

gale, slowly working our way

towards the front of the fleet.

The third storm is proving

more lively than the other two.

The waves are some of the

biggest we have seen - huge

rolling cliffs picking up the boat in one of two ways. If the

helmsman gets it right, it is a

lovely gliding motion over the

crest, like the best of roller-

If, however, the wave can-

not be seen, or is at the wrong

angle, Concert is left suspend-

ed in mid-air until she comes

to rest with a sickening thud

on the other side. Anything that is not tied down in the

galley usually takes off when

I am writing this during a

slack period on one of my

days as "care bear". On most

yachts this is described as

mother watch", but this was

not acceptable to the more

politically correct among Con-

cert's crew. A day as "care

bear" comes round about once

a week and consists of cook-

ing and cleaning for the rest of

coaster rides.

the boat lands.

the Six Nations Tournament in Cologne on March 26. England last year finished third to Holland and Germany, only losing first place on goal difference.

Burgess, who teaches at Bablake School, Coventry, believes this team is better than last year's squad and it easily defeated Germany last Octo-ber. However, often when you think you have caught up with Germany or Holland, the goalposts have moved again," he said. "They are so good in individual skills. However, they also envy our spirit; it is the one thing they wish they had."

He was pleased with the passing in this tournament. We ran some beautiful parterns up front. Simon Lanyon is so determined to score goals and Phillip Sully is so subtle." Sully, of West Bridgford, also attends the Beeston club, while Lanyon, who scored a hat-trick against Ireland in the 6-3 victory yesterday, plays for the ISCA club in Devon while attending Exeter school.

Rodgers correctly forecast the difficulties of the under-18s' final game against Ireland. They often 'function' their way through the first two games but against England they make it a World Cup final. It's their big game of the year whereas we always have the Six Nations Tournament

Ireland had a 1-0 half-time lead, but goals from Jon Bleby, another ISCA player, put England ahead. Ireland equalised through Gary McKee only for England to make sure of the title when a superb solo dribble by Peter Wiles, using his reverse stick. allowed Paul Wicken to score.



Young hopefuls: action from the England v Ireland under-16 match

Being on deck late is a

heinous crime, second only to

eating someone else's night-

time chocolate snack. In these

conditions, being late on deck

means that someone else has

to stay wet and cold for five

minutes longer. Being late on

watch was described by one

crew member as that "late-for-

work feeling". Quite an apt description, though it is prob-

I am sure I have mentioned

before my doubts about our

collective sanity. To have been

to the Southern Ocean rela-

tively recently and then volun-

tarily returned has to raise

some doubts. Short term

memory-loss plays quite a

large part - I do not remem-

ber it being this bumpy. cold

As always, though, there

are compensations. Last night

we had our first sight of the

Southern Lights. The sky was

ablaze with searching, con-stantly moving rays. It was a

spectacular sight and almost

made coming here worth it.

Seeing these lights in the middle of nowhere made

them all the more spectacular,

but also emphasised our

There is no sense of time in

the Southern Ocean. It does

not matter if it is Monday or

Thursday. The passing of time is only marked by the

ticking over of figures in the

thousands, Cape Town is an

awfully long way away.

and wet.

isolation.

ably slightly worse,

the same treatment.

#### **NETBALL**

## Bad memories return in waves

Youngsters Je are now, without doubt, back to the put faith in Southern Ocean with a vengeance. Having had a couple of warm, sunny court action days sailing out of Sydney, Concert continued to head By a Correspondent south towards the colder climes, only to find a windless hole. This was not what we

WO miles separate the Girls' Model and Our Lady of Mercy chools in north Belfast, but, some respects, they could be in different continents. One is rotestant and the other Cathlic. Against this sectarian ivide, the schools have atempted to forge sporting nks, using netball as a prime neans of unification.

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A setback occurred last Sepmber when paramilitaries preatened to burn down the utally local Ballysillan leiare centre if it was used by atholic schools including ur Lady, but the schools entinued to compete on each her's netball courts.

"We have always tried not to the troubles interfere." Kate vine, a PE teacher at the lodel, said. "We are using port as a hope for the future. Ve are bringing together two ppulations that are normally part to give them a chance to ave fun together." This ecumenical initiative is

eing championed by the ports Council for Northern reland, which has devised a rogramme whereby girls chools can select a sport and, hanks to Sports Council ex-erts, achieve proficiency. Netball proves a particularly opular choice.

Earnonn McCartan, the thief executive of the Sports Council, said: "Most young people in Northern Ireland want to play sport, but the structures do not exist to enable those other than the most talented to do so."
At grass-roots level, links

with local primary schools are being fostered and, significantly, children from Catholic primary shoools are going to the Protestant Model for extraburricular netball.

While encouraged by friendly games, Irvine re-mains cautious. Just four years ago inter-school netball was temporarily suspended. There have been times when ear intruded," she said. "After he Shankhill bombing in 1993, parents were afraid to let heir children out."

Irvine liaises closely with Noreen McGreevy, her counterpart at Our Lady, a respected coach and umpire who officiated during the recent series between England and Trinidad and Tobago.

Noreen and I see each other regularly." Irvine said, and some of the girls who have played netball against each other are now socialising together. Considering the obstacles, that is something."

Care bears and sore heads add to the

ward enough until you add a continually moving gal-ley and food

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more likely to end up wearing bers sitting stony-faced,
than serving. There are also mourning their lost five minvarious unguided missiles to dodge, usually packets of food that are not stored as securely as they might be. The sea temperature can be guaged by

the end of the washing up. There is a fine art to being a "care bear". The timing of meals is vital. If you wake the

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## challenge confronting Lucy Duncan

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utes of sleep, while you get flustered trying to pretend that everything is ready. Too late is even worse as

people pointedly refuse muchwanted second helpings because of the lack of time before going on deck. What is worse is that you find yourself, the next day, submitting

#### the new "care bear" to exactly

#### **Bellevue** attracts big names

**SPEEDWAY** 

By TONY HOARE

JOHN PERRIN, the Bellevue promoter, says that 1997 will be a make-or-break season for the famous Manchester club after a spending spree attracted the signings of Billy Hamill, the world champion. and Sam Ermolenko, the champion in 1993.

The Aces, who have raced at Bellevue greyhound stadium since the demolition of their hallowed Hyde Road home in 1988, have gambled on an increase in attendances, which have been dwindling during the past couple of years. "We have put a very good

team together and, if the fans don't support speedway here this year, they will need a lower level of racing," Perrin said yesterday. "I don't want to promote at a lower level, so someone else will probably have to do it." Perrin also wants some

silverware for Aces' trophy cabinet, which has had no new additions since the 1993 first division chamoionship. "The team has been put together to win something this season and I will be very disappointed if we don't," he said. Chris Manchester, the No l

"miles to go" section of our instrument display. At the moment it still reads in the in 1996, who has dropped down with the arrival of Hamill and Ermolenko, is predicting success. "If we all play our part, and there is nothing to say that we cannot. we will slaughter everybody," he said. "I don't think there is a team that will come close to

King's Lynn, the East Anglimore pressing matters this week as it struggles to open its doors in time for the season. Keith Chapman, the Lynn promoter, last week finalised negotiations to buy the club's Saddlebow Road home, which was unused last year after the club went into receivership at the end of 1995. Chapman faces a race

against time to win a health and safety certificate for the ground before their season begins on April 9. In an effort to end the club's

run of bad luck. Chapman has switched racing night to Wednesday. He also has changed the team's name to the Knights and introduced new riding colours.

The season started brightly for Coventry on Saturday. A large home crowd watched a 51-45 win over Swindon in their opening group match of the Speedway Star Cup.

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## Clubs fail to take stock of Bosman ruling

The initial shock of the Bosman ruling, which permits out-of-contract footballers to move on free transfers across the European Union (EU), has abated. At the time, in December 1995, some doom-mongers predicted a collapse of large parts of the game as the smaller clubs became deprived of transfer fees, often the mainstay of their income, but most clubs are continuing to survive, if not exactly prosper, in the post-Bosman age.

The City, however, is taking a second look at the Bosman ruling, and is not quite so convinced that all the problems created by the case have been resolved.

The share prices of the quoted football clubs have fallen away in the past few months and only partly from a natural waning of buying enthusiasm after the arrival of new clubs on the market. Concerns over potential earnings from television and the impact of Bosman on costs and income at the clubs have added to the cloud over the

It is still probably three years before the British game truly gets to grip with the Bosman judgment. The Football Association is not expected to implement its plan to

of movement with in the domestic market for out-ofcontract players who are over the age of 24 until 1998. The City is nervous about the consequences of and there will still remain the danger that another player might seek to invalidate the

new regulations in the courts.

The immediate impact of the Bosman ruling has been the influx of foreign players. Although not all the players have arrived as free agents, there has been a distinct shift in the cost of players, away from transfer fees and towards

What is worrying the City is that wage inflation may get out of hand and costs at the clubs soar out of control. Some experts have predicted that a decline in transfer fees will compensate for the rise in wages, and that overall costs will not change, but Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, is more sceptical, warning that clubs are allowing wages and transfer fees to rise so steeply that, even tions are fully enforced, the clubs will face a higher cost

The second Bosman-related issue that has been worrying the City is the practice of adding the value of players to club's balance sheets. Players.

who the accountants describe as "intangible assets", are clearly as important to the value of the club as other assets, such as the club's

Including the playing squad on the balance sheet has the potential of improving a club's financial position in two important ways. It strengthens the company's balance sheet. and could lead to an increase in the perception of a club's value, and consequently its share price. City analysts use a variety of methods to assess a company's value, but comparing the total value of the club's assets to its share price is one of the most important.

Second, clubs could increase their borrowing levels by using the players' value as security agrinst some of the

Around 15 clubs at present include players on the balance

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number seems to be increasing, but there is confusion, worrying the increased by the Bosman ruling. over exactly how players should be valued on the balance sheet. Clubs could simply em-ploy the value of the transfer fees they paid for the Alternatively, they

could try to make their own judgments on a player's value, based on the state of the transfer market, the player's age and contract. Even accountants are undecided on which method is most appropriate and it looks as though it will be a number of years before football finds a standard method.

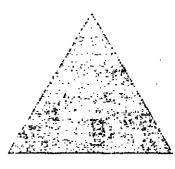
However. Tottenham and Celtic have already decided that the Bosman ruling seriously reduced the value of players on their balance sheets. Tottenham knocked £7.3 million off its balance sheet in its last set of results. effectively halving its reported profits, while Celtic wrote off £2.2 million.

Football is new to the stock market and the City is still unsure of quite how to value the clubs that have floated. The Bosman ruling is clouding the issue further and, until the full effects become clear in a few years, football stocks are likely to face a bumpy ride.

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#### **CYCLING**

## A labour of love for victorious Boardman

CHRIS BOARDMAN'S return to his first British love'time-trials - ended yesterday as it should have done, when he won the Porthole grand prix, a race against the clock around Lake Windermere (Peter Bryan writes). His victory highlighted the difference in standards between an established Continental professional and the dedicated enthusiasm of the home-based

Boardman used the event almost as a training ride. before his return to France later this week to defend his 1996 success in the French two-day Criterium International. That is not to suggest that the Windermere trial was not important to him; it was, if only to give an indication of his progress in a steady buildup for the Tour de France.

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when he is expected to be the Gan team leader.

He started yesterday last man off in the 120-entry on a course that had been shortened from its customary 25.5 miles to 21.2 miles because of the introduction of a set of traffic lights. His winning time of 45min 02sec set a record for the course and established a clear margin of 2min 59sec over Stuart Dangerfield, of Wolverhampton, who, with five miles to go, pulled back a deficit of five seconds on Gethin Butler to

finish second. ☐ Laurent Jalabert, of France, repeated last year's victory when he won the Paris-Nice race yesterday by one minute from Laurent Dufaux, of Switzerland, although finishing seventh in the final 19.5km time trial stage.

**BOWLS** 

### New blood provides England inspiration

AFTER England's success last week in the men's home international series at Ballymoney, there are high hopes of an England double this week. at the women's British Isles championships and team series in Perih (David Rhys Jones writes).

Peter Brimble, the England team manager, has been explaining how his team prised the Hilton Trophy from Scorland's grasp after Scotland had dominated the British howly scene for six years.

"We made several changes, introducing five newcomers and recalling Gary R. Smith to take John Bell's place at skip," Brimble said. "We also broke with tradition to appoint a team captain on the green. and Tony Allenck responded magnificently." Allerek, the world outdoor singles champion, who has appeared stale in previous series, seemed revitalised by a double challenge: as captain, he had to inspire a side accustomed to failure: as skip. he had to encourage three

their international debuts. Brimble's brand of aggres-

young men who were making

land the wooden spoon - a bonus that brought a mischievous glint to Brimble's eye.

sive management, criticised recently by the deposed Bell, was tempered by Allcock's more egalitarian approach. The result? England won the title for the first time since 1990, and conferred upon Scot-

Tomorrow, at Perth. England's women launch the defence of the team title, but first, the champions of the four home countries compete today

for the four British titles.

RACING: LEADING JOCKEY SUFFERS SUSPECTED BROKEN WRIST AT LEOPARDSTOWN

# Williamson injured in Ireland

By OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN WILLIAMSON was taken to hospital yesterday after a heavy fall at Leopardstown which left him with a suspected broken right

Walter Halley, the Irish Turf Club medical officer who attended Williamson at the racecourse, said: "He was initially unconscious, but had come round when I got down to the fence.

"He has a suspected fractured right wrist and lacerations over his right eye, and is likely to be out of action for six weeks to two months."

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DON'T TELL TOM (2.30 Newcastle) Next best: Abbey Lamp (4.35 Newcastle)

Riding Arctic Buck in a three-mile novice chase, Williamson was lying second when Arctic Buck came to grief at the eighth fence. When on the ground, Williamson was kicked by a number of the following horses and was taken to St Vincents Hospital in Dublin.

Tom Taaffe, the trainer of Arctic Buck, who subsequently had to be put down, said: Norman looks to have broken his wrist and there is a lot of blood on his face from a cut on his forehead."

Williamson, who has been plagued by injury in the last two seasons, now looks likely to miss the Martell Grand National at Aintree on April 5. Lord Gyllene remains on



Seven Towers, left, jumps the last ditch alongside Lord Gyllene on his way to victory at Uttoxeter on Saturday

course for the National in spite of his emphatic defeat by Seven Towers in the Mar-Pedigree Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter

on Saturday. The gelding's trainer, Steve Brookshaw, confirmed yesterday: "That is the plan. I have turned him out in a field this morning and he is quite sound and happy

"I think he ran a good race. "I don't think you could knock

much weight is asking a lot. He has 9st 13lb in the National. They all go to Aintree with an equal chance but he jumps well enough and we know he stays. I don't think any kind of ground will bother

him and Tony Dobbin will

ride again." Dobbin partnered Go Ballistic into fourth behind Mr Mulligan in Thursday's Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, and

him because to carry that that gelding has now been promoted to 10-1 joint-fav-ouritism alongside Lord Gyllene by Ladbrokes.

His place on Go Ballistic in the National is likely to be taken by Mick Fitzgerald, who rode the John O'Shea-trained eight-year-old to victory at Ascot last November.

O'Shea said: "Go Ballistic has come out of the Gold Cup in really good shape. We're giving him a little break, but

he'll be back in work by the end of the week.

'I ye never had a runner in the National before, but I think he'll handle the fences. He needs to be held up and hopefully Mick will give him as good a ride as he gave Rough Quest last year."

Coral reported good support for Go Ballistic over the weekend, cutting him to 12-1 from 14-1, while retaining Lord Gyllene as favourite at 9-1.

Cheltenham should stop

#### Tizzard on song with Quantock

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

four-timer

JOE TIZZARD'S hopes of a first Cheltenham Festival winner failed to materialise, but the 17-year-old was in top form at the Quantock Staghounds' meeting on Saturday. His four winners were high-

lighted by another victory for The Bounder, who beat Riva by six lengths in the men's open. The gelding is referred to by trainer Colin Tizzard as a fat little so-and-so who needs a race to keep in trim". With that in mind. The Bounder will pursue the Grand Marnier Trophy given to the horse who achieves the most wins each season. His tally is now four, a figure matched by Just Charlie, who took the confined race under David Easterby at the Holderness fixture. Tizzard also won on Qualitair Memory, trained by his father, and Nearly An Eve and False Tail for Richard Barber.

It was quiet at the New Forest Buckhounds' meeting where a thin crowd was treated to the skills of championship contenders. Tim Mitchell, Jamie Jukes and Julian Princhard, Mitchell went back to the head of the men's table with ten wins after a double on Stillmore Business and Apatura King, while Jukes also recorded two wins. on Wicked Imp and King Torus. They formed part of a treble for the trainer. Victor

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one lady who considered that

Thursday in the Members

There will be, I think,

plenty, apart from box-hold-

ers and patrons of the new

panoramic restaurant, who

would agree with that lady,

and others who think that £50

or £60 admission constitutes

a rip-off. Yet Gillespie sees his

admission charges as a factor

in keeping overcrowding

down. He has no intention of

imposing limits on ticket

And this is where I believe

Cheltenham is wrong. Essen-

tially, it has an accountant-

propelled marketing policy which is squeezing the ut-

most out of a captive public

who will pay any price and

endure unspeakable condi-

tions in places because the

racing is so good. This is not

so, for example, at Aintree,

Ascot and York which all

impose limits of one kind or

another and hence run big

meetings in a far more pleas-

ant way. The time has surely

come for Cheltenham to foi-

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7.00 1, Big Bang (5-4 lav); 2, Zorba (11-4); 3, Windborn (12-1); 6 ran; NR: Crackerbox, Rongueska d'Or

7,30 1. English Invader (6-5 tav), 2, Honesily (6-1), 3, Dr Edgar (6-1) 9 ran NR. Sommarsby

8.00 1, Random Kindness (7-2), 2, Noulan (9-4 (t-lav), 3, Societ Service (9-4 (t-lav), 6

8.30 1, Tinkerbell (3-1), 2, Komasta (9-1), 3, Patina (5-1), Cold Stout 2-1 lay, 7 ran.

9.00 1, Arrry Leigh (20-1) 2, Hoh Majestic (3-1 tav), 3, Little Ibni (14-1) 13 ran.

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Wolverhampton

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## NEWCASTLE

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## GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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3.35 TOWN & COUNTRY NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,048. 2m 4f) (12 runners)

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BETTINGS 3-1 Bells: Will Ring, 7-2 Woody Care, 5-1 Blidd Anone, 6-1 Penname View, 7-1 General Delayat London Rum 10-1 Count Surveyor, 14-1 others

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4.05 NEWCASTLE CITY NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

(£2.040: 2m) (5 runners) 

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4.35 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT NOVICES CHASE

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5.05 NORTHUMBERLAND INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,215: 2m) (11 runners)

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MILLSTONE 10LL (A Exbank) M Banes 5-11-4 G F Ryan (5)
RISING MUL (Mrs F Brows) R Brewis 6-11-4 S Taylor
RINNMI (1 Berry) J Oliver 5-11-4 S Taylor
GRANNMI (1 Berry) J Oliver 5-11-4 S Methose (7)
GI LANDLER 16 (D.G) Bisculor Developments) J Norton 4-11-3 Mr R Thornton (6)
MERRY MAJOR (North 16 (RF) (1 Harbon 4-10-10 R McGrath (5)
POLAR RING (1 Bray) C Thornton 4-10-10 R McGrath (5)
SALMON CELLAR (C Graham) J Jetterson 4-10-10 R McGrath (5)
SALMON CELLAR (C Graham) J Jetterson 4-10-10 C Catagham (3) BETTING: 11-4 Wymyad Knight, 3-1 Lord Podgsio, 7-2 Landler, 5-1 Polar King, 14-1 Millstone Hill, Salmon Celter, Merry Major, 20-1 others

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#### SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Camacho, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50 0%: C Thornton, 3 from 9, 33 3%; 5 kettlewell, 3 from 11, 27,3%; J Jefferson, 9 from 35, 25, 7%; Mrs M Reveley, 38 from 158, 22 8%, J Fitzgerald, 13 from 65, 20 0%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 41 winners from 144 rides, 28 5%, T Reed, 13 from 93, 14,0%; A Dobbin, 16 from 123, 13 0%, M Foster, 3 from 23, 13.0%; A Thomton, 5 from 43, 11.6%, B Storey, 13 from 130, 10.0%



#### **MARKET RASEN**

2.10 Cutthroat Kid. 2.40 Brandy Cross. 3.10 Supreme Flyer. 3.45 Netherby Said. 4.15 Mister Trick. 4.45

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 GARETHSON

GOING: GOOD

2.10 BONUS DAY CLAIMING HURDLE

(£1,994 2m 3t 110yd) (10 runners) OGF PRIMITIVE LIGHT 37 A Smith 7-11-6... P Midgley (3) 15-3 CUTTHROAT KID 14 (V,BF,F,G) Mrs M Revoley 7-11-3 3 6252 CHUMMY'S SAGA 20 (8.F) L Lungo 7-11-1 . R Supple 24 40-5 GAME DRIVE 101 h Margan 5-11-1 . R Supple 27 21/P BALLET ROYAL 7 (0.5) H Marmers 6-10-13 . A Dowling (7) 6 0P CHURCHWORTH 7 (8) Miss 14 hraght 6-10-13 . J Calloty 7 0.0- MAN DF WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 . Gary Lyons 8 PRIJD WORLD WITHOUT 15P 14F (8.5) M Sowersty 8-10-13 0 Porter 68 PRIJD WORLD WITHOUT 15P 14F (8.5) M Sowersty 8-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S Campon 7-10-13 0 Porter 69 PRIJD WISLEY 15P S CAMPON 15P

4-6 Continued Rud, 5-1 Chummny's Saga, 6-1 Aust Supposen, 8-1 Ballet Royal 10-1 Estimo Niss 20-1 Game Drive, 25-1 others

2.40 ADDITIONAL MEETING NOVICES CHASE (£3,415: 2m 6f 110yd) (4)

1 -2FP BRANDY CROSS 21 (G) J Johnson 8-11-2 N Williamson 93 2 0-P4 CLAMERHOUSE 10 (F.G) Fragrand 8-11-2 R Garrely 19 3 323 GARETHISON 24 MSS H Knight 6-11-2 D Bordgreds 19 4 F-43 GORBY'S MYTH 10 (G) J Legit 7-11-2 K Gaule 83

7-4 Brandy Cross 5-2 Garethoon, 11-4 Gorby's Myth 3-1 Claverhouse

3.10 MORE OPPORTUNITIES NOVICES HURDLE

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SOUTHWELL

2.20 Komlucky. 2.50 Jibereen. 3,20 Deep Water. 3.50 China Castle. 4.25 Ma Vielle Pouque. 4.55 David James' Girl. 5.25 Hoh Majestic.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 ST ANDREWS HANDICAP (Div I £1,944 6f) (15 runners) (DIV I £1,944 6I) (15 runners)

101 0-13 NEEDLE MATCH 12 (D.6) J J 0 Neil 4-9-10 W Pran 5
102 522 AFAAN 54 R Marvin 4-9-6
103 -155 BALLARD LADY 42 (D.9F.G.5) I Varience in 5-9-0 J Brankel (5) 2
104 01-0 MUFRAY'S MAZDA 59 (D.F.G.5) I (pre 8-9-0 J Brankel (5) 2
105 0401 NAPOLEON STAR 21 (B.D.D.F.G.5) Extende 6-12 S Wester 3
106 00-1 ANOTHER NIGHTMARÉ 12 (D.F.G.5) R Mccuelor 5-8-9
107 046- KOMALUCKY 107 (D.F.G.) A Multioland 5-8-6 G Faultice (7) 13
108 500- GRANS GRPL, 181 D Shew 4-9-3 L Charmook 14
109 6205 SOAKED 21 O Creption 4-8-2 L Charmook 14
110 300- KATE KOMAUTE 139 J Wilson 4-6-0 Angela Hartley (7) 12
111 3313 RING THE CHIEF 12 (C.6) M User 5-7-13 M Carlsby

712 - 000 PRESHEBAR 27 (8,00,6) No V Acooky 7-7-10 M Desting 9
113 - 503 TUTU SORYSOX 21 (F,6) E mc/s 6-7-10 Min Tester 8
114 B-00 SEANCHAI 47 P Felgate 4-7-10 J Foreit (7) 11
115 - 4006 CHERRIUL GROOM 21 (F) 0 State 6-7-10 R Financi (7) 15 6-1 Another Nightmare, 7-1 Alsan, Ring The Chief, 8-1 Ballard Lady, Rapoleon Star, Needle Match, Soaked, 16-1 others 2.50 CARNOUSTIE CLAIMING STAKES

201 2060 AWESOME VENTURE 31 (CD.G.S) M Chapman 7-9-12 201 2060 AWESOME VENTURE 31 (CD.G.S) M Chapman 7-9-12
202 1145 JIBERIEN 14 (CD.G.S) P Horsing 5-9-12
203 000- BE WARRED 132 (V.CD.F.G) M Gods 6-9-8
204 066- N089Y SARVES 198 (CF.G) E Inches 9-9-8. Km Trouber 8
205 -000 JUBILET SCHOLAR 50 (B) K McLadde 4-9-7
207 -016 WALK THE BEAT 15 (CF.G.S) M Meado 7-9-6 D Sweareny (S) 1
208 3025 BOGART 18 (V.C.G.C.F.S) M Meado 7-9-6 D Sweareny (S) 1
209 3036 BOGART 18 (V.C.G.C.F.S) M Meado 7-9-6 D Sweareny (S) 1
209 3036 BOGART 18 (V.C.G.C.F.S) M Meado 7-9-6 D Sweareny (S) 1
210 6040 DURVIN MARREN 49 (CD.G.) D Hampon 10-9-9-4 S Drowne 7
211 DELLEN WALKER TOJ. J Hampon 14-9-3 J Brambin (5) 5
212 PERSIAN SUNSET 371 Mass J Borner 5-9-3 N Carliste 2
213 AND STAND 15 Shee 4-9-2 J Familia (5) 5
214 3142 SEA DEWL 21 (CD.B.F.G.S) M Camacho 11-9-2 L Charmock 2
215 4513 FAST SEN 24 (CD.B.F.G.S) M Camacho 11-9-2 L Charmock 2
215 4513 FAST SEN 24 (CD.B.F.G.S) M Camacho 11-9-2 L Charmock 2
216 AND 15 MARREN 19 1 J Brand 3-8-4 J Marken 6-1 Northern 6-7 1 Parten 6-7 Northern 6-7 Nort

3-1 Jibereen 6-1 Northern Fan 7-1 Fact Spin, Walf. The Beat 8-1 Avescomo Venture Bogan Sea Devit, 12-1 others 3.20 MUIRFIELD MAIDEN STAKES

CAPTAIN SCOTT J Glover 9-0

3- DEEP WATER 153 P Cole 9-0

563- ITALIAN SYMPHONY 150 M Johnson 9-0

525- UGHTNONG REBEL 130 C Thomson 9-0

PATRICKS OF COLORED 9-0

PROGRAM P Thomson 9-0 905 PATRICKS 30 D FORTING 9-0 906 RDB90 C THORSTO 9-0 907 5- SIBOR STAR 254 O Buschell 9-0 908 30-0 WARRIUN 14 C Fasturati 9-0 909 06-0 BOUT 12 R MCHISTE 9-9 909 06-0 MARRIMRA 151 E INCES 9-9 4-5 Dect: Water 6-1 Lightmang Rebell 8-1 Captain Scott, Italian Symphony, Warrim, 12-1 Robbo, 14-1 others

### Blinkered first time

MARKET RASEN: 2.10 Churchworth 4.15 Milwaukoo NEWCASTLE 2.00 Goldon Fiddle 2.30 Barkin bite, SOUTHWELL: 2.50 Ba Warned

#### 3.45 TWO ENCLOSURE DAY HANDICAP CHASE

1 11203 LOCHNAGRAIN 16 (D.F.G.S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-10 95
1331 NETHERBY SAID 10 (C.D.F.C) P Beaumont 7 - 11 8 R Supple 95
1524 LASON'S BOY 13 (D.F.C.S) J Bradley 7 - 10 - 0 . R Johnson 93
1425 JUNE BOX BILLY 51 (F.G) Mr. J Bruen 9-10-0 J Cullody 95 4-7 Netherby Said 5-2 Loctaragram, 6-1 Jason's Boy 10-1 Julia Box BAIly

4.15 ANNUAL BOX HOLDERS NOVICES HANDICAP

5-4 Micter Trick, 3-1 Gardic Blue, 7-2 Primiling Penny, 9-2 Record Lover, 16-1 Militariose

4.45 EASTER MONDAY COMES NEXT HANDICAP

HURDLE (£2,264: 2m 5f 110yd) (9) 1 1230 ORDOG MOR 12 (F.G) M Mangher 8-11-10 2 -411 SUJUD 14F (D.F) Mr. J Brown 5-10-13 3 2202 DESERT FORCE 7 (F.G.S) G Flaro 8-10-13 4 FOO1 MAJOR YAASI 12 (B.G.S) J Glover 7-10-12 7 - 1-20 BANKH-194 (BP,F) 1 NOTON 6-10-11 . IN VANADISCH 6 4301 SASSIVER 10 (ED,F,G,S) M Bank: 11-10-4 . D Sigme 95 7 0004 CAMBO 16 (ED,F,G,S) M Bank: 11-10-4 . D Sigme 95 8 P4F4 MODBAKAR 10 (ED,F,G,S) K Mongan 6-10-1 X Account (7) 93 9 PBRP CASTLERAY LAD 29P (S) R Cuts 14-10-0 Mr M Appleby —

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS. P Nelleway, 4 winners from 11 numers 36.4%. Mics H kraght, 10 from 29 34.5% is Balley, 13 from 47, 27.7%, Mics M Reveley, 23 from 93, 24.7% P Beaumont, 11 from 54, 20.4% JOCKEYS: J Cullety 6 warmers from 19 ndes; 31 6%, N Williamson, 17 km 67 25 4%, J Tidey, 6 from 24, 25.0%; D Budgwaler 9 from 50, 18 0%, L Wiver 19 from 110, 17 3%

□ Sound Man has been put down after an inoperable tendon injury. In 31 outings, the nine-year-old won 15 races, including the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park twice.

## 3.55 GLENEAGLES HANDICAP (£6,098: 1m 4f) (8)

401 965 - RIVER NEED 142 (D.F.G. 84 Americans 5-10-4. G. Carter 1
402 31-1 LEADING SPIRIT 26 (D.F.G.S.) C. Wait 5-9-3 P. Carter 2
403 1243 CHRMA CASTLE 12 (D.G.) P. Haston 4-9-1 P. Goode (7) 4
404 4121 GEDENSPAN 14 (D.G.) W. Mastra 8-9-1 P. Goode (7) 4
405 00-0 GEDENSPAN 14 (D.G.) W. Mastra 5-8-5 A. D. Harreson 8
406 00-0 EAGLE CANTON 47 (C.D.F.G.) B. Hanbur 4-8-3 A. D. Harreson 8
408 -511 CALDER NING 201 (B.C.F.G.S.) Mr. M. Rextey 5-8-0
P. Fessey (5) 5 r ressey (5) 5 5-4 Leading Spirit, 4-1 River Keen 6-1 Clora Castle Calder Forg 7-1 Screenspan, 8-1 Milita's Star 10-1 offices

4.25 SANDWICH SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-O, £2,537, 5f) (9) | Section | Sect 11-4 Chilling 7-2 Internal Garden 4-1 Lurar Mesac 9-2 Threeplay, 6-1 Ma Vicile Pauque 8-1 Eres. 12-1 Heyer Gall Sturmer 16-1 others

4.55 TROON APPRENTICES FILLIES HANDICAP

601 -320 CATS BOTTOM 56 (CD.BF.F.G) A Newcombe 5-9-10 502 2021 BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 21 (CD.F.G.) 15 pt 6-9-10 G Viright (S) 9
603 100- NCOULA'S PRINCESS 133 (D.G.) 9 Uchanon 4-9-9 S Rigition 5
604 4004 DARPO LARBES CIRIL 3 (CD.G.S) & Budy, 5-9-3 R Sanforme 3
605 046- VUPPY GRIL 119 J thican 4-9-1 — Angela Hartley (5) 6
607 0P51 JLLY BEVELED 24 (D.G.) Zonald Transpare 5-5-6
607 0P51 JLLY BEVELED 24 (D.G.) Zonald Transpare 5-5-6
608 0P51 STATES CONTROL 10 PS CONT 609 -331 GOLD LINENC DA (B.G) E Arten 4-5-6 609 000- LOMOND LASSE 37 T Narrey 48-4 P Clarke 10 610 563 EPPETITE 28 (D.D.B) A JOzoff 49-3 A Richardty 2 611 -253 OMEENS STROLLER 25 (C.G) R Peach 6-6-2 R Brisland 1

5-2 Broughton's Prote, 5-1 July Beveled, 6-1 Gold Lineng 7-1 Eligente 6-1 Draid James Gril, Cats Bottom, Queens Shotler, 12-1 affects 5.25 ST ANDREWS HANDICAP

(Div II: £1,944: 6f) (15) 

9-2 Takhiri, 6-1 dold Anstqorat, Mustang, 7-7 Sike Lugara, Astral Invador, 8-1 Hob Mayestic: 10-1 other: **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRANERS Mr. M Reveloy 24 winners from 98 numers 24.5% D Morray-Gmilh. 3 from 13, 23.1%, M Johnston 50 from 223-22.4% P Cole, 11 from 51, 21.6%; R Armstrong, 8 from 41-20.0% M Channot 6 from 33, 19.2%, JOCKEYS T Own: 18 amners from 78 rides, 73 (%; K. Fallon, 23 from 124, 18.5%, Jo Homann, 4 from 22, 16.2%, K. Darley, 17 from 95, 17.9%, D Hamfson, 23 from 140, 16.4%, R Cockmans, 22 from 149, 14.6%

#### Festival overcrowding **JACK** WATERMAN

efore the memory of Cheltenham has van-Cheltennam in the manner of ished in the manner of the currently retreating comet in the night sky, it is pertinent to raise some questions which fly out behind the Festival like the cloud of particles following that spectacular heavenly body.

The racing, as always, was superb. There was, rightly, ecstatic coverage of the deeds of Make A Stand, Martha's Son, Mr Mulligan and others. But what no one reported from the privileged confines of the press room were the crush-and-push conditions which, in certain places, made an unseemly background to momentous racing

events. Here is an example: I had arranged to meet, on Tuesday, an annual member in the Arkle Bar. Even to get into this bar was the definition of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. Outside, ankle-deep in discarded plastic beer containers, the scene was just as crowded and even more squalid. And the admission charge for this? Fifty pounds

on the first two days and £60 on Thursday. Nor was mine an isolated experience. A colleague who took a day off to go and see the Gold Cup, reported it a "deeply unpleasant experience". He tried, unsuccessfully, no fewer than five bars, both in Tattersalls and Members and was appalled at the overcrowding.

Racing Commentary

Yet Edward Gillespie. the managing director of Cheltenham, does not see it this way. He has been quoted as saying: "Figure-wise, it is great to have attracted so many people and yet generally, there have been few problems with congestion and overcrowding. And when he kindly rang me back after my original call to him. he did not budge from this

He maintained that the Arkle Bar was a special case. with poor access and people "for some reason, stay in there all afternoon". Tuesday and Wednesday in general he thought were "comfortably full". Although he had received a long complaint from

of more than 60,000 last Thursday on Gold Cup day. That record is certain to be broken in future. Safety factors apart, this is bad news for racegoers, in particular the annual membership. The Cheltenham management should decide now to reverse its policies and make a belated start in putting public priorities ahead of profits on the balance sheet.

#### RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Uttoxeter

Going good, good to limin places 12.45 (2m St chi 1, Tellicherry J Cullory, G-11 2. Goldenswit (3-1 taur. 3, Koo's Pomise (25-1): 11 ran NA 151 Miss H knight Tote: 55-50-52-00, E1 70, 99-00 DF 18-90 Tho 1188-00 CSF 22-88 Tricast 238-07

Incast 1386 07
Info 1, 15 (2m & 1100 hdfo) 1 Domappel (1 Kon., 7-2, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap) 2. Thursday Night (4-1), 3. Lord McMurrough (11-2) Edgernoor Prince 3-1 lav. 6 ran NR Jackson Flert 39-1, 15. Mrs J Cedi Trate 12 6 0, 22 50, 21 90 E10 10, CSF £16 44 150 (4m 2f ch) 1. Seven Towers (P Niven, 4-1), 2. Load Gyllone (5-2 lev): 3. Sister Stephanie (8-1): 10 ran 7i, sh hd. Mrs. M. Revetey, Toter (\$5.0): 62.19, 61.90, 62.30, DF 67.40. Tho 622.60 CSF 613.21. Thosas 668.09

2.25 (3m 2) chi 1, Judicious Geptain (Mr C Storey, 12-1) 2, Fornot Romeo (9-4 lar), 3, Mr Pickpocket (7-2) 8 nan NR Ny House, Major Look, 121 5 Mrs J Storey Tote, 514 30, 53 00, 51 10, 51 70 DF 519 10 Tho 519 30 CSF 533 97 Tricas' 596 37 3,00 (2m 5/ ch) 1, Disco Des Moftes (R Duraxoody, 11-8 fav); 2, Exemore-Speed 113-2; 3, Over The Pole (S-1) 7 ran 13, 9 G Richards Tote: \$2.20; \$1.40, \$2.00 OP-55.10 CSF: \$2.09 ±5 10 CSF ±2.09 3.30 (2m 6) 110yd hdle) 1. Winn's Pride (S Wynne, 25-1), 2. Santella Boy (9-2) 3. Royal Piper (9-2) Botoby Grant 11-6 Ist. 5 ran 31 1-1 R Holmshead Tote £150 €3-20. £1 90, DF £44 70 CSF £111 10

E190, UP £44.70 CSF £111.10 4.05 (2m hdle) 1. Shekels (G Bradley, 4-1), 2. Rangbike: (B-13 lav): 3, Fis De Cresson (20-1) 12 ran, 10, 50, C Brooks, 10te; £5,00; £1.80, £1.10, £6.20, DF £3.20, Tno £28.50 CSF £6.51 Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,613.19 carried forward to Southwell today) Placepot £216.70 Quadpot £50.40.

Newcastle

2.15 1, Far Ahead (4-1); 2, Banker Count (5-1), 3, Goopel Song (7-2 fau), 21 ran, NR Brumon, Quango 2.50 1. Crosshot (5-2 )(-lav) 2 Blazing Dawn (4-1) 3 Grouse-N-Heather (5-2 )(-lav) 5 ran 3.20 1. Purevalue (5-2), 2. Linlathen (2-1 lav), 3. Sudden Spin (10-1) 6 ran. NR Meucow Hymn.

2.40 1, Ela Agapi Mou (9-2), 2, Cheertul Aspect (7-4 jt-fav) 3, Splendid Thyne (7-4 jt-lav), 9 ran, NR: Eau De Cologne 4.25 1, Corston Joker (20-1), 2, Brighter Shade (1-2 Inv), 3, Bold Account (100-30) is ran NR Maita Man 3.10 1, Red Been (6-1); 2, Buckland Lad (4-5 lav), 3, River Leven (7-2) 4 ran NR Copper Cable 4.55 1, Stan's Your Man (8-1), 2, Mock Trail (7-2), 3 Shanovogh (4-1). Here Comes Herbse 2-1 (av. (f), 7 ran, NR. Chopwell

Hereford 2.20 1, Hanging Grove (15-2), 2, Proud Image (8-1) lav); 3, Sharp Thrill (8-1), 15 ran NR Espla.

ran 3.25 1, Va Utu (16-1), 2, Added Dimension (4-5 lav), 3, Schnozzio (4-1), 4 ran NR. The Brewer 4.00 1, Penlea Lady (7-1); 2, The Rum Manter (5-1), 3, Chip'n run (4-1), Prince Of Vectora 7-2 tav. 10 ran NR. What A To Do 4.30 1, Kadari (7-2), 2, Swing Quartel (11-10 lav), 3, Swiso (7-1), 5 ran 5,00.1, Querk Querta (7-2); 2, Tansvectelion (11-10-134) 3 Sovice (7-1) 5 ran 5.00 1, Quick Quote (7-2); 2, Tenayestelign (7-2); 3, Relaxed Lad (25-1) Northern Singer 6-5 lav 8 ran 5.30 1 Young Tess (5-1 II-lav), 2. Sammordio (7-1), 3, Copper Col (13-2); 4, Brown Wren (11-1), Noddadante 5-1 May 16 ran, NR, Brownscrott.

Lingfield Park 2.10 1 Hangover (5-4 lav); 2 Madhm Roue (50-1), 3, Feltash (14-1), 6 ran

> JOCKEYS A P McCov J Osborne R Durwoody A Maguire R Jehoson P Niven A Dobbin

#### LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS TRAINERS

M Pipe Mr.; M Revoley D Nicholson K Bailey P Hotobs G Richards P Nicholis

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Fitzsimmons

Roy Lipscombe on ancient American footage that

is likely to provoke a bout of British nostalgia

'He made

himself the

world's first

sporting

film star'

xtraordinary film from the United States of the battle that made Bob Fitzsimmons Great

Britain's first world heavyweight box-

ing champion 100 years ago today will

be shown again in London for the first

time this century to celebrate the

The Cornishman triumphed over

"Gentleman Jim" Corbett in Carson

City, Nevada, on March 17, 1897, felling the former title-holder with his

speciality, a withering blow to the solar plexus. The fourteenth-round

knockout was recorded by the newly-

invented movie camera, making Fitz-

simmons a hero with many thousands

of cinema patrons on both sides of the

Now the complete film will be seen

again in England for the first time

achievement by Fitzsimmons that

should be celebrated. He made him-

self the world's first sporting film star

in the process of taking the title."

The footage of the Fitzsimmons-

Corbett fight was first shown by the

Veriscope Company in New York on

May 22, 1897. Shot on a trio of

cameras, it had taken two months to

process the film and build projection

equipment. An announcer stood be-

side the screen providing a commen-

tary. The film played to packed houses

in Boston and Chicago for several

weeks before being shown to an

excited audience in London for the

first time on September 27. By this

time modifications had been made to

improve the quality. Boxing promot-

ers had also been quick to seize on the

financial possibilities heralded by the

A precious copy of the 1897 film is

now owned by Bill Cayton, the president of Big Fight Inc in the

United States and former joint man-

ager of Mike Tyson. He and his then

partner, the late Jim Jacobs, had

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

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By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

North on the hand today was Ron von der Porten, the American

expert. He received looks of scorn from West when he put down

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eshe dummy, but I think his bidding was correct.

flickering images.

Dealer South

**♦** K 8 4

**♥**K74

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**♣** K 10 6

Contract: Four Hearts by South

Many players make that jump

to Three Hearts on inadequate

values. After a response at the

one level, you need to be a full

ace better than a minimum opening bid, in addition to having a good six-card suit. It

is clear for North to raise to

Four Hearts — both the jack

and nine of hearts are likely to

be important cards in solidify-

Dummy and East played low on the diamond lead and

eclarer won in hand. At trick

two he led a spade and West

was caught napping when he

played low (according to von

der Porten, it was because he

was still expending his energy

making sneering remarks

about his raise - West

thought Pass was right). De-

clarer played the ten from

dunumy and East won and

Now, how should declarer

returned the queen of clubs.

NEXAL

PIASSABA

a. Coarse fibre b. Italian trifle

c. A nun's wimple

a. An armour necklet

b. A throw in wrestling

ing South's suit.

British Film Institute

(BFI) is to screen it at

the National Film The-

aire on June 12 as part

of an historic boxing

evening.
Clyde Jeavons, of the
BF1. said: "Unfortunately we could not

arrange a March date

to coincide with the

actual event. However,

it was a tremendous

since its 19th-century premiere. The

historic victory.

Atlantic

still proving good box office

worthwhile."

obtained it from an American boxing

enthusiast. He has made it available

to the BFI, where experts have helped

in the painstaking process of restoring

it to transmission quality.

It was a difficult job getting the

film back into shape, "Cayton said. "It

was just like trying to piece confetti

together, but it was such an important

event in boxing history that I felt it

Fitzsimmons remains the only En-

glishman to win the undisputed

heavyweight title of the world. The

last of a dozen children born to a

Cornish mother and an Irish father in

Helston, his family left for New

Zealand when he was nine. Weighing only list 3lb and standing

a fraction under six feet, Fitzsimmons

was the lightest man to take the

from Corbett's skilful early onslaught

before stepping in with his lethal

He had learnt his rugged trade first as a teenager in New Zealand, then at Iron Pot, a ramshackle Sydney arena.

Failing to impress in Australia, he left

in 1890 for the United States, where he quickly won the world middleweight

championship from "Nonpareil" Jack

Keeping bigger company thereafter, by 1896 he had taught a lesson to so

many true heavyweights, that he was

matched with Peter Maher, an Irish-

man, for the vacant world champion-

ship, Corbett having relinquished the

title in disgust when all attempts to

find a suitable location for a meeting

with Fitzsimmons failed. Arrange-

ments were made to film the event in

Langtry, Texas, but Fitzsimmons fin-

ished his man inside a round before

Two years after beating the return-

ing Corbett, Fitzsimmons defended

his title against the giant James J.

Jefferies at Coney Island. Jefferies

the camera could roll.

Rubber bridge

Pass All Pass

Lead: Ten of diamonds

play? He has the choice of

entering the dummy with the

ace of spades and finessing the

hearts, hoping that they are

three-two with the king on

side. Or he can finesse the jack

of spades, hoping that West started with the king of spades

and that a third round will

stand up for a club discard. If

West can be relied on to play

low on the first round of

spades, even if he has an

honour, then finessing spades

is better odds, and that is what

the declarer did. So he made

the contract. Notice, though,

that West could have defeated

it by playing the king of spades on the first round of the

suit - now the defence can

prevent the declarer from

enjoying a second spade trick.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

a. Running down

b. Taking bribes

b. Rice pudding

PALKEE

a. Litter

c. An Old English measure

c. Pakistani old boy network

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

championship, yet the

chest and shoulders of

a blacksmith, balanced

on sparrow-thin legs,

made him a formida-

ble foe. With his thinning

red hair and freckles,

"Ruby Bob" combined

a numbing wallop with

the ability to absorb

brutal punishment. He

had been close to defeat

A century after the bout

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CECARD

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Cricket must come to market

From Mr Richard Cohen

Sir. Cricket must go "public" and start with all county

members becoming real shareholders of a properly run

and financially disciplined business. After decades of

abysmal performances on and off the field, it is high time that

proven leisure companies ran

the show. What price, say,

Granada or Manchester Uni-

ted taking over Lancashire County Cricket Club?

All those superfluous county

chairmen, bloated commit-

tees, multiplying executives, and half the players would

have to go. There is nothing to

be gained by tinkering around

with the present system, hop-

ing for yet another "saviour"

Padding problem

Sir, During the last two Rugby Lions matches I have watched, the game has been interrupted

by the referee telling an oppo-nent to remove his T-shirt with

its integral shoulder padding.

An England player received

the same instruction during

When Mark Mapletoft

played the last 20 minutes of

the England A international

against France the previous

night, he took the field with shoulders anyone in Dynasty

I understand the players'

concern for their well-being

and expect that is foremost in

their minds rather than the

equation of missed matches

meaning forfeited win bo-

I hope that referees can

remove this interruption to the

game by mentioning it in their

pre-match visits to the dress-

ing-rooms. Certainly there is

Rowell's regret

From Mr Michael Gould

Sir, in opting for Rob Andrew's recall to the England

squad for the international at

Cardiff, Jack Rowell must

surely have regretted not giv-

ing Alex King a chance in the

three pre-Christmas matches. Not only might England

have beaten New Zealand

Barbarians, but Rowell would

have had some indication of

Well offside

From Mr Edward Grayson

he wrote:

Sir, Alasdair Murray (The

Business of Sport, March 10) was yards offside of the facts

finding dealing with the courts

especially tough." For more

than a century courts have responded readily to anyone

seeking or requiring remedies in the areas covered by sport

itself.

would have died for.

the game against France.

From Mr Alistair Bruten

"motivator" whose real talents have more in common

**SPORTS LETTERS** 

with the music halls than cricket. It is these very people

who have made such a telling

No more sinecures and jobs

for the boys, and an end to the

incestuous nature of most

cricketing appointments. The

apron string with Lord's must be cut and a national cricket

ground built by the new

brooms. Let us see 60,000

spectators at a tenner a time!

We know, however, that the

money from television, the

lottery or grants will be

frittered away to keep the old

bankrupt system and the gra-

no excuse for 29 players and

the crowd to wait while the

player adjusts his dress; let them stay off until the next time the ball is out of play.

The players know that this additional protection is not

allowed: Rugby Lions display

a big poster in the dressing-

room area explaining that the

RFU allows scrum caps and just about nothing else, and no

doubt other clubs received this

path towards the crash-

Yours faithfully

ALISTAIR BRUTEN,

vy train on the rails.

RICHARD COHEN,

Havilland Hill House,

St Martins, Guernsey.

Yours etc.

contribution to the decline.

Linford Christie competed at the Botany Bay Gift Carnival of which I am the chairman. The event dates back to 1844 and is the oldest professional athletic carnival in Australia. Christie competed on grass,

Christie sets

fine example

Sir, I write to applaud one of

your great sporting heroes.

From Mr Reg Austin

gave substantial starts to other competent athletes, and thrilled crowds with his magnificent running. We all know he is a magnificent athlete, but in our country he was regarded as an aloof.

distant, almost arrogant, ath-

lete. At Botany Bay he was the perfect gentleman who gave so much of himself to help me and our carnival. After the final Christie set up a table and signed about a thousand autographs, had his photograph taken with innumerable people, and after an hour and a half walked 100

metres to have his photograph taken with a lad in a wheelchair. I find it hard to put into words the enjoyment Christie gave to so many people and the patience he showed after competing. Darren Campbell also took part and was an absolute gentleman, while John Regis and Tony Campbell attended as spectators and

As an Australian who has been a world veteran champi-on in the sprints for 20 years, I feel I have the background to understand the problems and frustrations of champion

very proud of them. Yours faithfully, REG AUSTIN,

PO Box 615. Mascot 2020, Australia.

## Differing view

2 High Street, Midsomer Norton,

within or without the field of play, which have stood the test Bosman's European Court of Justice judgment in 1995 coincided in principle with George Eastham's High Court triumph in 1965, a year which initiated an earlier conspiracy corruption football court case, and countless court decisions have overturned governing bodies' denials of

King as a substitute on tactical

more than justified?

MICHAEL GOULD.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Justice Ebsworth could The first traceable personal not avoid deciding against the Welsh Rugby Union earlier injuries award for sports-related injuries followed a collapsed this month. grandstand at Cheltenham These are all merely sample lace Week in 1866. It reached the courts in 1870 as Francis v illustrations of a wider historical tapestry in which the courts have had no problems Cockrell and was decided in

line with principles developed when invoked with appropriprogressively down the years. ate evidence and correct Eight years later, in the first traceable criminal prosecution for a football field fatality, I am, Sir, yours faithfully, EDWARD GRAYSON, Lord Justice Bramwell in Re-

#### gina v Bradshaw defined the President, British Association criteria of deliberate and/or for Sport and Law, 9-12 Bell Yard, WC2. reckless misconduct, whether

Not forgotten From Mr Gerald Curry Sir. David Maddock (The Face of Football, March 8) wrote about the No 10 shirt at Mid-dlesbrough made famous by Alan Foggon and John Hickton; but, long before Juninho or even Pelė, the No 10 shirt at

England and Middlesbrough was worn by one of the world's

greatest players, Wilf Mann-Dr Mannion (thanks to Teesside University), the first freeman of Redcar, remains a legend in his own lifetime and is a revered visitor to the

Riverside Stadium.

Yours sincerely, GERALD CURRY,

77 North Street, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

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the admiration of the spectator for the sheer bravery of rugby players will be sadly di-minished. I laud them and feel you and the British public should be

Chairman,

From Mr W. A. Frampton Sir, In response to Mr Steven Dunkey and others (March 7), may I beg not to be one of the "all" who knew that the penalty was not a penalty in the FA Cup match between Chelsea and Leicester City. From my armchair position, I was convinced that the penalty was justly awarded. Mike Reed,

incident. obtain a just outcome, or at

least a halanced view, indicating how difficult it is to be a referee. May I suggest a simpler solution than Mr Dunkey's: let us all — participants. officials, supporters, viewers, but most importantly commentators and reporters accept that the decision of referees in matters pertaining to the game be accepted as honestly arrived at and impartially given. Then we may perhaps, in part, return the game out of the corrupting embrace of Mammon and

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whether King was ready for Organising Committee. five nations' rugby. Does he need to be reminded how The Botany Bay Gift, Mike Catt played in the three matches and that the use of

the referee, did not have the advantage of my position nor the interminable replays of the At no time was the incident played from the referee's position on the field, nor was the position of the assistant referee referred to in an attempt to

Phoenix House, Denbigh Road.

### LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

Fletcher sees

off Sach for

second title

NICK FLETCHER won his second British sabre title in Bath on Saturday by beating

David Sach 15-7 in the final

Fletcher, who won the title

in 1994 and now trains in

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of Hungary, won his quarter-

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(Graham Morrison writes).

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#### Black to play. This position is from the game Euwe - Keres, world championship, 1948. Although Black is two pawns down, he has tremendously active pieces. How did he now

make the most of his chances with a fine combination? Solution on page 45 Answers on page 45

By Raymond Keene

KEENE 🦣 CHESS By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT Election fever Election fever is well and truly upon us and I plan to continue until the big day itself with a series on world leaders, politicians and international diplomats who have demonstrated chess prowess. Last week I mentioned that Napoleon Bonaparte had tried his hand at chess. Tamberlaine, another would-have-been world con-queror, was also noted as a player. Continuing the theme, the games today are a win by an official from the German Embassy in London against Gligoric, the

Cornishman's historic victory to be relived 100 years on

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Sicilian Defence



died of pneumonia in Chicago on won in 11 rounds, a feat he repeated October 22, 1917, aged 54. He is buried when they met again in 1902. Howin the Graceland cemetery, close to ever, the Cornishman was still to win a third world championship, taking Jack Johnson, another world heavy-

Fitzsimmons, the lightest man to win the heavyweight title, had the build of a blacksmith and was a formidable foe

Sicilian Defence **d**3 Be3 Nc3 96 Bg7 g5 0-0 Rb8 Bua2 Bb3 a5 a4 e6 11 Ne2 12 (3) 15 Ra1 16 Qd2

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the newly created light-heavyweight weight champion. The pair met in the title from George Gardner on points ring in 1907 when the young American

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The final position, with Black a pawn down and his king exposed, was adjudicated as a win for

Lords v Commons, March 1947 Yugoslav grandmaster, and a victory by Lord Winston from the Lords v Commons match. White: Hans Heinrich Wrede Simultaneous display. Essen, 1961

> □ Raymond Keepe writes on chess Kdi/ Monday to Friday to Sport and in

Colchester, by one hit (15-14) and was made to work for a 15-12 win over Steve Potts in White: Lord Winston his semi-final. Black: Michael Stern, MP Sach unexpectedly defeated James Williams, the defending champion. in their semifinal 15-14, and must be in with a good chance of a medal at the forthcoming world ju-nior championships in Tener-The women's championship was won by Louise Bond-Williams, who beat Anna White 15-9 in the final.

the Weekend section on Saturday. **WINNING MOVE** 

quickly flattened the fading Fitzover 20 rounds when aged 40. Although subsequently beaten for that title, Fitzsimmons was never Those who see the ancient film of his finest performance that March challenged for his middleweight day so long ago should learn much about the Cornishman's fighting spirchampionship. He was still earning a living with his fists when well past 50 it. The prizefighter said to have coined at the start of the Great War, a meeting with Jersey Bellew at Bethlethe phrase "the bigger they are, the hem being his last recorded contest. harder they fall" had so often proved his point when the gloves were on. Four times married, Fitzsimmons **FENCING** 

# Equals on the field of combat

students of Terry Taylor's shotokan karate schools in Kent. Whether partially sighted, blind or confined to a wheelchair, all of his students perform different katas (choreographed set sequences of moves) convincing poise and Claude Dorton House, in Seal, Kent, is a

school for students who are blind or partially sighted and caters from nursery age through to college education. Every Thursday evening Taylor runs an extra-curricular karate class. There are five boys in his club, aged from 11 to 14.

James Davison has all the awkwardness you would expect of any 14-year-old. Yet, when he performed a solo kata, he spun, kicked and chopped his way through the air with such confidence and grace that he seemed transformed.

The enthusiasm exuded by the group was tangible. "I want to get to black belt in at least one form of martial art." Adam Izzard, 13, said.

Tracy Moses is ten and suffers from spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Despite this, she has been attending karate classes in Chatham, Kent, almost every Monday and Friday since joining the club in November

Although she can walk unaided, she is learning the directional arm moves of karate katas in her wheelchair. She has to do physiotherapy classes once a week and already karate has helped her to her movement

Scott Gillis, 13, maintains that karate has had a big impact on the way that he experiences life outside the dojo (karate classroom).

I am getting better at looking forward rather than down, and keeping my balance," he said.

ly good in some form of martial art, you are always going to feel ready, but, if you are just starting out, do not expect to turn into Bruce

Damme after just a few lessons. It is something you have to work at."

benefits that martial arts can provide for people with disabilities, Taylor has founded an annual festival and an informal register. The latter attempts to place

individuals in touch with martial arts teachers in their areas and is achieved through Taylor's wide range of personal contacts throughout the country.

The festival this year will be held on May 15 in Gravesend, Kent. There will be eight disciplines on offer, which the public will be encouraged to sample and observe, with special demonstrations and

Taylor estimates that there will be more than 300 disabled martial arts practitioners and their instructors taking part in the festival. He enthuses over the benefits gained by anyone who practises

any type of martial art. "It is not only a wonderful way to keep fit, but it teaches valuable selfdefence techniques, builds self-confidence and provides a whole bunch of new friends to socialise with," he said.

Joel Young, 11, agrees and said: "It is fun and it gives you something to aim for." Michael Miller. II. has no illusions and said: "It is very difficult at the start." His favourite move is tobi geri - the



Members of Taylor's dubs are part of a growing number of people with disabilities who practise martial arts. Simon Jackson, the Paralympic judo won his third consecutive gold medal last summer in

Atlanta. Lydia Zijdel uses a wheelchair and took up aikido in 1985. She did not look back, taking up karate as a second discipline. In October 1990 she began teaching people with

In his book, Martial Arts for People With Disabilities, Dirk Robinson maintains that many people living with a disability can match the prowess of any ablebodied person - and even surpass their skill.

At the end of the class at Dorton House, Taylor made all the boys sit crossed-legged on the floor around the room. Those who were partially sighted had to close their eyes. With the stealth of a ninja, Taylor then crent among them tapping them on their heads and shoulders. The object of the exercise was to try to grab him as he tried to make

a tap.

Their success rate was impressively high and I realised that I had witnessed a degree of skill that I would be hard-pushed, if ever able,

• For more details, contact Terry Taylor at the Horsted Shotokan Karate Association, 6 Bulldog Road, Lordswood, Chatham, Kent, ME5 8SJ

Menacing: Michael Miller, II. demonstrates his favourite move — tobi geri, the flying kick — "but it's not at all easy at first," he said

### ORIENTAL MARTIAL ARTS

KARATE means Topen hand" and originated in Okinawa, Based on blows delivered by hand, foot or knee. for Chinese martial arts, originated in northern China and most famously adapted by Bruce Lee. More than 1.000 different types exist today many in secret.

TAI CHI, full name Tai Chi Chuan, means "grand ultimate fist". Originated in China as a form of Kung Fu with fluid dreamlike movements. AIKIDO was founded in Japan in the 1900s and means

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'way of harmony". A defensive art where a focused practitioner can redirect an opponent's aggressive force. martial art meaning the gentle art. Employs arm locks and joint manipulation and regarded by many as a precursor of

JUDO originated in Tokyo and means "gentle way". Developed as a sport based on a system of leverage techniques, throws and holds. KENDO translates as "way of the sword" in Japan. Uses heavy, two-handed sword

swords called shinai. SUMO contestants compete on a 15ft dirt circle and aim to make any part of opponent's body, bar the soles of his feet, touch the ground. TAEKWON-DO is unarmed self-defence combat that originated in Korea featuring kicking and punching

techniques.
MUAY THAI is the correct term for Thai kick-boxing. Fighters today wear boxinggloves and are often trained to be complete fighting machines from a young age.

# Focused on the 'way of harmony'

Aikido is a defensive art that turns

an aggressor's power against

### himself. Victoria Walker reports

hate fighting. I am not a particularly aggressive person and I shy from confrontation. I was therefore shocked to discover how much enjoyed the physical contact

of my first alkido class. Aikido is a classical Japanese martial art. In contrast to karate or Chinese kung fu, for example, it is an essentially defensive discipline. Students of aikido are taught how to redirect the force of an attack back against the aggressor, and it is because of this redirection of energy that smaller, weaker people are able to exert control over larger, stronger ones.

There are four main schools of aikido, one of which, Yoshinkan aikido, is taught as part of the basic training of every policewoman in Japan. It is also one of the classical martial arts practised by Tokyo's riot squad. David Rubens teaches

Yoshinkan aikido at the Meidokan Dojo, or school, in West Hampstead, London. Before the lesson the class devotes a short period to silent meditation. They then bow

and the action begins.

We started with a series of warm-up exercises. These consisted of simple stretches that are common to most active sports, plus a few rolling and moving techniques that are more attuned to the direct needs and moves of martial arts (at this point I attempted my first forward and backward roll since the age of seven). The last of the warm-

movements to knock me off my balance and a kneeling motion to pin me to the floor. He had made it look so simple that I was initially disappointed when our roles were reversed and I had These loosen up the tendons in the wrists and get the systems of joints which are usually difficulty in remembering which step followed which. To

locked-in to a control position.

In the class that I watched

ubens demonstrated the first move with a

front of the entire class. He

showed it initially as a fluid

whole and then broke it down

step-by-step. After several ex-

amples, we copied the move

alone as if holding on to

"shadow" partners. Then

came the time to practise with

At this point, I felt markedly

anxious. My male opponent,

Nick, was bigger and un-

doubtedly stronger than me -

when I had to grab his wrist I

had difficulty in getting a good

hold. I thought he looked

pretty fierce, too, though in

hindsight that may have been

my own imagination, for he

was gentle and firm and incredibly tolerant of my

At first I was the attacker

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there were 12 students, includnising which was my left and ing three beginners. As Ruwhich was my right hand. Yet, when I finally managed bens demonstrated the to complete the movement, controlling Nick's body and forcing him to the ground, I controls at the front of the group, three of the more advanced students ran to the aid of the novices, gently positioning their hands in the was exhilarated by a sense of achievement and a curiously correct formation to achieve calming sense of empowerthe best stretch for the control. ment. After practising the Such unbidden assistance was move several times, we bowed an example of the empathy to our partners and sat back with the needs of others demwhile Rubens demonstrated a onstrated by both Rubens and

arm I had grabbed him with. Nick used two basic pivotal

my horror, I found that I even

developed problems in recog-

second move. As an observer, I was struck by the beauty of the fighting moves. The aikido performed before me was an intractable combination of grace and menace. The carefully choreographed steps were balletic in their poise and precise execution. I felt drawn to the idea of being able to defend myself

with grace and power. People are attracted to aikido for different reasons. Martin Gilbert, 46, has tried many different martial arts and joined this aikido dojo because it is conveniently located close to his home. He pursues it for the exercise, discipline and

philosophy it provides.
Lucy Amis, 28, manages a
bookshop in north London and took up aikido two years ago. She found it quite by chance, as she was looking for Tai Chi classes. "I went the first time and quite liked it, but, by the time I had been a second time, I loved it and was hooked," she said.



The writer deflects Ali Ganchi in her first aikido class

Ali Ganchi, 18, is a student studying for his A levels. Fascinated by martial arts, he first tried karate, but found that it did not suit him. He now regularly attends a Saturday morning class and has achieved a promising level of skill in a relatively short time.

As a father of two children (with a third due very shortly). Rubens recognises the education and fun that children can get out of martial arts. As a result, he offers classes from

the age of five.
It is impossible to get Rubens to talk about his own experiences as a student and teacher of aikido without him mentioning his own teacher, Gozo Shioda (who in turn was

a student of the founder of aikido, Morihei Ueshiba). He spent five years training directly under Gozo Shioda in the Yoshinkan headquarters school in Tokyo and was one of only six Westerners to become a live-in Shido in (instructor). Such lineage shows how important tradition is within the discipline.

apanese martial arts. until just over a century ago. were practised by samurai, the warrior class. Aikido means "way of harmony". Training in aikido differs from that of many other Japanese martial arts in that it has a deep underlying philosophy. The aim of aikido is to unify

### STARTING OUT

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Further reading The official book of the Tokyo Yoshinkan Aikido Federation is published in Britain this month by Kodansha International, £24.00. Total Aikido: The Master Course, by Gozo Shioda with Yasuhisa Shioda. Translated from the Japanese by David Rubens. ISBN 4 7700 2058 9

the mind, body and energy of a person. By focusing the energy and the mind and by using the body to work with, rather than against an opponent, harmo-

ny is achieved. This philosophy and the sense of being part of something much bigger is a power-ful force in itself. For the past few days, like someone enam-oured by a new romance, I have not been able to get aikido off my mind. I have been caught so many times in an apparent daydream as I reenact moves trying to perfect them in my imagination. I am excited at the prospect of learning a whole new art and suspect that Rubens may not have seen the last of me.

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**NORDIC SKIING** OSLO: World Cup ovent: Merc Combined Jump; 1. B E Vs. (Nor) 124 1pts; 2. J Mahara (2s) 1175, 3. J Dozmel (Gel) 117,0 Cross country (Sokm) 1, P P Cottrer (I) 24 03mn, 34 Sec. 2, T Ame Hetlahd (Nor) 2.04 37 8, 3. B Daehte (Nor) 204 422. Leading overall World Cup positions: 1, Dochle 95Scto. 2, M Moyfar (Fin) 580, 3, F Valouca in) 223 Worlder Cross country (30km) 1 5 Schropide (7) 10 20mn 0 3 Secto. 2, E Vactor (Parci 1 21 Se 0 3, E Nitsen (Non 1 22 23 \* Leading final World Cup standards: 1, tacks 940;tr 2, Belmondo 9/9; 3, F Nitsen many (Cx) 525

**REAL TENNIS** 

HOLYPORT: British Land amateur singles championship: Oppmer-lands: J Snow or J Ward 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 M Ward in J Wines, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, P Jurns on M Howard 6-5, 6-0, 6-5 N Pendrigh to M Baker 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 Sems-Snale: Snow bit M Ward 6-1, 6-0, 6-0, Pendrigh to Lence 6-5, 6-5, 6-1 Final, Snow by Pendrigh 8-2, 6-1, 6-1

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SKI JUMPING

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TABLE TENNIS

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Young (Berkshire) 21-17, 21-17, 14-21,
21-14, D Douglas (Murenchanie) bi A Perry
(Devon) 21-14. 21-14, 21-18; A Cooke
(Derbychare) bi D Blake (Surrey, 21-17,
21-17, 21-27 Semi-finals: Syed bi Blangton
17-21, 22-24, 21-9, 21-13, 21-5, Cooke bi
Douglas 21-14, 17-21, 21-13, 21-18 Final:
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Women: Singles: Quarter-finals: N Deaton
(Derbyshire) bi E Huring (Hertfordshire)
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Young and Schwartz 21-14, 21-13

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COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: Sent-Broke M Damm (Ca) bit is Lucear (Stovalial 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 T Johansson (See) tr 1. Bürgemülen (Ger) 6-2, 6-1 Finali Johansson til Damm 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 hannament in Commissioner (Ger) Interceon to Learn 6-4, 3-6, 5-2

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**VOLLEYBALL** 

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Surbrion 4 Old Loughtonians 0 Reading
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NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier Lasgue: Old Whitgiffians 3 Sponcer 0 Harngshire/Surray: Goan 1 Blandford 8, Old Michthraghtians 2 Basingstoke 7; Petersfield 7 Southampton 5 Kent/Sussex: Balvedere 4 Bedeyheuin 1; Blackheath 7 Bognor 1, Mid Sussex 4 Sevencer's 0; Loyds Bank 1 Eastbourne 0 Mildde/Berks/Budis and Oboor. Amersham 3 Mill Hill 2, Bracknell 3 West Hampstead 4; City of Obdrad 4 Gertards Cross 2; Eastbote 15 Hangw 0, Farrham Common 3 Martow 6, Headington 3 Haves 4; Nawburny 2 Lons 5, Ruchings Park 6 OMT 2; Staines 2 Milton keynes 2, Sumbury 0 PHC Chisweck 5

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Harrogale 5 Ben Rhydding 1; Norton 1 Shoffield Borkers 4; Ramgarha 3 Spring-belds 5; Southpool 2 Formby 6; Swalwell 1 Neston 0; Timperley 2 Chester 2.

KUALA LUMPUR: World Cup qualifying event: Final: South Korea 2 Sparr 3 Third-place play-off: New Zealand 3 Poland D Qualifiers for World Cup: Palastan (mole-ers), Holland, Australia, Germany, India, Great Britan, Spain, South Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Canada, Malaysia.

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AEWHA PLATE: Fourth round: Chiltern 1 Harrow 0; City of Portsmouth 1 Camberley 1 (aef Camberley won 3-2 on pens); Desside Ranblers 3 Reading 1, Learninster 1 Yate and South Gloucs 0; Poynton 4 Springfield 0, Sevenceks 4 York 1, St Ives

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 2 Trojans 0, Cition 2 Stough 0; Doncaster 1 Ipswich 3; Sution Canada Life 3 Hightown 0 Leading positions: 1, Ipswich 26ths 2, Stough 22; 3, Clition 22. First division: Bradford Switherbank 3 Chalmstord Broadcak 1; Otion 2 Cantierbury 0; Sundertand Bedans 2 Bluehans 0; Wimbledon 0 Bracknell 0 Leading positions: 1, Otion 30pts (champions), 2, Chelmstord Broadcak 20; 3, Wimbledon 20 Second division: Loughborough Sudents 1 Ealing 0; Otid Loughtonams: 1 Si Abaras 2, West Wifney 5 Sherwood 3, Woking 3 Emnouth 1. Leading positions: 1, Loughborough Students 3 Ipts. 2, Old Loughtonians 24 3, Woking, 22

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Aberdeen Bon Accord () Bonagrass Grove 2: Ediriburgh Ladies 4 Menziestall (): Heriot-Walt University () Western Klick, Photoporit 8, Royal High Gymnasts 1 Western A 2.

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penalty goals; 201: M Reyer (Bedford, 61, 574, 1909) 190: R Andrew (Newcastle), 31, 62c, 1509, 1 dropped goal), 187; J Hams
(Covertity), 4, 40c, 2499, 5-dg), 171: J
Steele (London Scottish: 31, 27c, 3209, 230; 17: 18: G Amstrong (Newcastle), 14: A Smallwood (Covertity), 9: A Bateman (Richmond), 12: G Easterdy
(Richmond), T Underwood (Newcastle), 5
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Green (Euclor, 3), 37c, 33pp, 3dg) 174, J Dance (Reading 4), 44c, 22pg) 187; P Brett (Lupeppo S Hebris, 12, 31c, 13pg) Tries: 17; M Preston (Fydor) 16; M Fusb, (Olley) 14; A Hodgson (Whartadalot 13: 5 Spance (Reading) 8 Work (Motolly) 12; M Appleson (Leeds), R Bell (Hurrogale), Bell R Mathias (Leeds), 11: G Anderlon (Fylde) P Congo (Redruth), S Smith (Morley), S Turpulotu (Leeds) Fourth division north

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NORTH: First division. Budingson 27
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Brodield 4 Carlord 3, Felsted 1 Gresham's 0 Hunstperpornt 6 Audingly 1, Kimbotton 0 Merchant Taylors', Northwood 2; St George 8, Weybridge 1 KCS, Wimbledom 0, MILTON KEYNES; Home respons tournament: Final standings: Under-18: 1, England 90s. 2, Ireland 6; 3, Sootland 3, 4, Wales 0, Under-18: 1, England 90sc; 2, Ireland 4, 3, Scotland 4; 4, Wales 0. LACROSSE

RUGBY FIVES

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL: Under-13 national schools championships: Singles: Over-ter-finals: Chiudoun (Edmough Academy) bt C Pople (Officin) 11-7; S Wan (Pajmis') bt L Fellows (Chiton) 11-8; S James (Merch-

POINT-TO-POINT

Rest I 1. Swanses Gold (D Alers-Hankey, 3-1), 2. Gamay, 3, This I'll Do Us. 14 ran. Rest III 1. He Is (Mass P Curling, 7-4), 2. Live Wire, 3, Verin Boy 10 ran. Mdn I'l. Nearly An Eye (J Tezzard, 4-6 law), 2. Cata: Gobilin: 3, Faradoy 15 ran. Mdn III: 1. Passing Far (Miss S Vickey, 5-4 law); 2. Mazzard: 3, Dollyos I 15 ran. Mdn III: 1. Major Sharpe (J Tazard, 7-2); 2, Billy Barler: 3, The Bodhran 14 ran. HOLDERNESS (Dallon Park): Hunt: 1, Domin Fox. (J Dillon, 9-11, 2, Master Cornet: 3, Grey Hussar 6 ran. Confined. 1, Just Charlie (D Eastorby, 5-4 law), 2, Cyde Ranger, 3, Skipping Gale: 16 ran. Men's Open: 1. Peanuts Pet (R Walmsley, 4-6 taw); 2, Castlio Tyrant: 3, Park Drift, 8 ran. Ladies. 1, Osgathorpe (Mrs F Neecham, 6-1); 2. Thistile Monarch; 3, Midge 4 ran BFSS: 1, Squres Tale IMrs S Grant, 9-2); 2. Tom Log. 3, Admission, 13 ran. Open Mdh (Fyo+1-1). Prophet's Choice (M Halgh, 12-1); 2. Dear Emity, 3, Lovel Vibes: 14 ran. NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Larkette Cond. Mdh (Fishel Imp.) 1. 1 (Fished Imp.)

Open Mdn (5-8yo) II: 1, Stilmore Business, (T Mitchell, 4-6 bay), 2. Pirst Bash, 3, Vittoris Bnet 10 ran Mixed Open 1, Apatus King (T Mitchell, 4-7 bay); 2, Mediane; 3, Indian Krauld, S en Intermediate; 1, Vinc Tonse (T Mitchell, 4-7 tax); 2, Mediane; 3, Indian Knight, 6 ten, Intermediate; 1, King Tous, U Jukes, 3-1); 2, Nothing Ventured; 3, Thegoose, 8 ran. Rest I 1, Sybillabor (Darnel Dennis, 14-1); 2, Balance; 3, Neville; 7 ran. Rest II: 1, The Man From Clare (I. Lay. 20-1); 2, Daning Duck; 3, Colourhui Boy; 10 ran. Hunt; 1, Tuthkyne Belts (Miss D Statford), Involved alone, Confined; 1, Mighty Falcon (Miss E Toy, 6-4); 2, Touch Of Winter; 3, Wellington Brown, 3 ran. WESTERN (Wadebridge); Men's Open; 1

WESTERN (Wadebridge): Men's Open: 1, Butter John (N. Harris, Evens tav): 2, Fearsone: 3, Glentom 4 ran. Open Mich-1, Chocchite Buttons (H. Thomas, 12-1), 2, Brook A Light; 3, Bucks Rea. 14 ran. Rest: 1, Gypby Geny II. Jettond, Evens tav). 2, Surwand; 3, Eyre Point. 9 ran. Intermediate: 1, Dark Reflection (C. Heard, 7-1); 2, Cornsh Ways, 3, Mountain Master 5 ran. Confined: 1, Myhamet (A Fament, 4-6 tav); 2, Oncoventheight: 3, Artistic Peace, 5 ran. Ledies: 1, Just Bert (Mics S Young, 1-3 fav); 2, Anistocratic Gold; only 2 finished. 2 ran.

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RUGBY LEAGUE Second division Carfisle: Tries: Menzies 2, Rhodes, Thurlow, Goels: Richardson 3, Att. 460. 22 Leigh 27 Hunslet Humelet: Titles: Mansson 2, Rushton Goals: Booth 5, Laight: Tries: Purtil 2, Burgess, Daniel, Sarsfield. Goals: Purtil 3. Dropped goal: O'Loughlin. Alt. 1,322.

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Prescot: Tries: Bester, Hamer, Lloyd. Puncherd, Thomburn, Tumer, Goals: Ben-son 3. Dencaster: Try: Brannan Att. 515

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Rocholale: Tries: Durrent, Gartiend, Men-ott, Mandows, Stevens Goale: Gertland 3. Oropined goel: Gertland, Lancushire Lyrus: Tries: Keily: Parsisy, Plante, Goale: Fran-cis, Rusne, S Smith, Alt. 850. PWDL FAPs 3 3 0 0 76 28 6 3 3 0 0 92 46 6 3 2 0 1 95 49 4 2 2 0 0 6 95 50 4 2 1 0 1 58 26 4 2 1 0 1 34 48 2 Brandey 2 1 0 1 43 58 Lancashire L 3 1 0 2 76 93 Barrow 2 0 0 2 42 67 York 3 0 0 3 28 74 Doncaster 3 0 0 3 24 100 NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pro-mier division: Beverley 16 Dudley Hill 17 NATIONAL CONFERÊNCE LEAGUE: Premiler division: Beverley 16 Dudley Hill 17:
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Mayfield 6 Woolston 2; Saiddleworth 21
Lock Lane 2; Wast Hult 32 Odfarm St
Anne's. Pirst division: Banow Island 30
East Leeds 8; Eastmoor 28 Blecktorock 12:
Millorn 12 Wigan St Jude's 18; Moldgreen
10 Askern 28; Walney Contral 19 Thomhill
14, Second division: Eccles 8 Shirlaugh 24;
Featherstone Amateur 32 Dewsbury Moor
18; Normarmon 28 Hull Dockers 17, Rechril
14 Ovenden 10; Shew Cross 26 New
Earsweck 4; York Acom 14 Millord 18

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: North Queensiand Cowboys 12 Perutin Panthers 19, Canterbury Buildogs 38 Canberra Raiders 26, Perth Western Reds 16

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (APL): Sydney City 18 Western Suburbs 6: North Sydney 34 Newcastle Frights 20; South Queensland Crushers 29 Parametria 6: South Sydney 25 Gold Coast Chargers 16. Balmein 10 flawarra Steeliers (E.

Alun Rossiter, of Coventry, makes ground in the Speedway Star Cup match with Swindon at the Coventry Stadium on Saturday. Coventry won 51-40. Report, page 35. Photograph: Gavin Fogg

Aspalms 18 Nuneaion
Herstord 18 Stoke-on-Trent
Lichfield 13 Birmangham/S
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Sandal 15 Worcester
Sterifield 21 Stourbridge
Winnington Park 46 Manchester
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QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS (Cothel-stone) Hunt 1, Belfiy Lad (J Creighlon, 7-4); 2, The Criosra, 3, Lochmarer 5 ran Ladles; 1, Staney Food (Miss S, Violery, 13-2), 2, Bengers Moor; 3, Night Wind 12 ran, Land Rover Open; 1, The Bounder (J Tizzard, 2-7 lev), 2, Riva, 3, Feyle Na Hirse 8 ren Confined, 1, Qualitar Memory (J Tizzard, 5-4 lav), 2, Millad Oals, 3, Ive Catled Time, 14 ran.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Milan 37 Tre-voo 28, Padova 29 Roma 18, Catama 23 L'Aquita 20, Bologna 20, Bongo 14; San Dona 23 Calvicano 27, Livomo 49 Cole-temo 0. DUINSTON HARRIERS (Ampton) Confined 1 Drud's Lodge (C Ward-Thomss, 7-1). 2, Counterted, 3, Nibble 9 ran. Open Midn! 1, Faha Moss (S R Andrews, 2-1). 2, Fighting For Good; 3, Mirror Image 8 ran. Open Midn II. 1, Thurles Packpoolet (A Coe. 5-2), 2, The Prior 3, Borco Bailey, 9 ran Ladies 1, Crathsman (Miss G Chown, Evens), 2, Subsonc, 3, Zoes Pet, 4 ran Men's Open; 1, Over The Edge (S Sporborg, 4-7 Lav); 2, Exarch, 3, Armagret, 4 ran Restricted 1, Ballyallac Castle (N Bloom, 4-6 lav); 2, Ludowicans, 3, Cool Apollo 5 ran BFSS Nov Riders 1, Noble knight (C Jarvs, 7-2) 2, Lirued, 3, Berkana Run, 11 ran Hunt, 1, Sainl Bene\*1 (N King, 4-9 fav); 2, Storreyssand; only 2 linished 2 ran.

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NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Lark-hill) Open Mdn (5-8yo) I. 1. Wicked Imp (J. Jukes, 5-2); 2, Old Harry's Wife; only 2 finished 6 ren

of August 6-1, 74 INDIAN WELLS: Women's tournament Semi-finals: I Spirea (Form) of A Sánchez victio (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, L Davenpori (US) b) M J Fernandez (US) 6-1, 6-1, Finals Davenport of Sprica 6-2, 6-1 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Malon; Lewisham 3 City of Stoke 1 (15-7, 7-15, 15-8, 15-4); Restok Liverpool City 3 Warwick Rigiz 2 (15-3, 15-9, 11-15, 15-11), Locids 3 Toothig Aquila 2 (14-16, 12-15, 15-12, 15-13, 36-14); Malon; Lewisham 3 Sportset Whitefield 0; (15-11, 15-7, 15-10), Coolion Sportsetentrouse 0 City of Stoke 3 (4-15, 7-15, 5-15), Wissest 1 Polorius Ealing 3 ((11-15, 15-12, 8-15, 9-15). Women: First division: Leeds 0 Bitannia Musec City 3 (4-15, 9-15, 6-15).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Gordoniums 3 Grange 2, Edinburgh Univer-sity 2 ABM 4; Inverteith 1 Western Grass-hoppers 7. Torbrex Wanderers 4 Watsomens 1.

SCHOOLS SPORT ant Taylors') by A Kauf (Merchant Taylors') 11-2: T Aisher (Pagrims') by S Byron-Evans, (Calhori 11-4, Sems-finals: Mudouri bt Wan 11-4; James by Aishar 11-0. Pinal: James by Mudouri 11-1, 11-1. Doubles: Sami-finals: Edmburgh Academy II bit Pagrims In 11-4, Merchant Taylors' [bt Edmburgh Academy I 11-2: Pinal: Marchant Taylors' | bt Edm-burgh Academy II 11-0, 11-0.

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WELSH SCHOOLS CUP: Semi-finals: Brynleg CS 17 Cross Keys Coll 0; Cowbridge CS 22 Tre-Gibs CS 7.

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SURREY SCHOOLS SEVENS: Final; John Fisher 35 King's, Cantarbuy 10 HABERDASHERS' SCHOOLS SEVENS: Under-13: Mormouth 35 Adams 7. Haberdeshers' Eistree 19 Aske's Hatchern 12: Adams 12 Aga's 6 Halchern 17: Mormouth 24 Haberdeshers' Eistree 14. Mormouth 24 Haberdeshers' Eistree 14. Mormouth 26 Aske's Hatcharn 16: Under-15: Mormouth 31 Adams 12: Haberdashers' Eistree 17: Aske's Hatcharn 20, Mormouth 25 Heberdashers' Eistree 17: Aske's Hatcharn 20 Aske's Hatcharn 20 Aske's Hatcharn 26: Senior: Mormouth 26 Aske's Hatcharn 26: Senior: Mormouth 27: Aske's Hatcharn 26: Aske's Hatcharn 26: Aske's Hatcharn 27: Haberdashers' Eistree 17: Adams 26 Aske's Hatcharn 18: Mormouth 34 Habordashers' Eistree 18: Eistree 14 Adams 26 Aske's Hatcharn 18: Mormouth 34 Habordashers' Eistree 18: Mormouth 17: Acke's Hatcharn 56: Mormouth 17: Acke's Hatcharn 57: Freser Bird cupwanness: Mormouth 17: Acke's Hatcharn 56: Mormouth 17: Acke's Hatcharn 57: Mormouth 18: Morm MILTON KEYNES: National schoolgifis chemponiships: Semi-finals: Si Georgi's, Harpender 1 Si Helen's, Northwood 5; Oteon Anno's Caversham 0 Haberdash-os: Ashe's 1 (set) Final: Si Haton's, Northwood 1 Haberdashors: Ashe's 3

English authorities were against

the justiciability in the United

Kingdom of foreign intellectual property rights: see Mölnlycke AB

Procter & Gamble Ltd (No 4)

([1992] RPC 21), Plastus Kreativ AB

Minnesota Mining & Manufac-

turing Co ([1995] RPC 438) and L. A. Gear Inc v Gerald Whelan &

By contrast courts in The

Netherlands and Germany had

accepted jurisdiction and granted

remedies in respect of infringe-

ment of patents in other contract-

So far as his Lordship knew, this

was the first English case in which

the point had been argued. There

was a reluctance to accept jurisdic-

sound policy reasons, but the court

had no discretion, to which policy

considerations were relevant: el-

ther the case was not justiciable

because of the Mocambique rule

or rule 203, or it had to accept

jurisdiction because article 2

Within the ambit of the Conven-

tion forum conveniens and similar

rules no longer applied. Following

Downer & Downer Ltd v Brough

(The Times January 19, 1996; [1996]

were inconsistent with the auto-

matic directions those directions

WLR 575) showed: (a) if orders

Sons Ltd [1991] FSR 670).

## **Chancery Division**

# No discretion in accepting jurisdiction

ship Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Lloyd Judgment March 7

English courts had to accept jurisdiction where an action was brought against an English domiciled defendant, whether with or without other defendants, for breach of a Dutch copyright. The Netherlands being a contracting state to the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at Brussels in 1968 and to hear that action on the

There was no room for the exercise of discretion or the application of the doctrine of

Mr Justice Lloyd, sitting in the Chancery Division, so held, declining to strike out as non-justiciable un action for breach of a Dutch unpyright against four defendants. one of which was domiciled in the United Kingdom, but striking out the action as regarded both English and Dutch copyright as an abuse of process on the basis that it had no chance of success.

Mr Adrian Speck for the plaintiff: Ms Heather Lawrence for the Floyd, OC and Mr Richard Hacon for the second, third and fourth

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that

breaches of what he claimed to be his copyright as the author of drawings created by him as an architectural student. The drawings, for a town hall in Docklands, were never built.

He claimed that the second and third defendants, Mr Rem Koolhaas and the Office for Metropolitan Architecture respectively, had access to and took copies of his drawings and used them in substantial part in designing a building, the Kunsthal The first defendant civil en-

gineers, Ove Arup Parnership Ltd. retained for the construction of the building, were domiciled in the United Kingdom. The fourth defendant, the city of Rotterdam, was the owner of the building. The second to fourth defendants applied to strike out the claim as an abuse of process. The first issue was whether the

English court could hear an action for breach of a Dutch copyright the United Kingdom.

Apart from the effect of the Brussels Convention, an action in England complaining of breach of a foreign copyright would be bound to fail.

There were two reasons: a claim for breach of a foreign statutory intellectual property right was regarded as local, and should not be entertained by an English court: ([1893] AC 602); Def Lepp Music v defendants could be sued in England on the basis of article 6(1).

The Def Lepp Music case showed that such a claim would also fail because the choice of law rule as regards double actionability would not be satisfied: see rule 203 in Dicev and Morris, Conflict of Laws (12th edition (1993) p1487-8. That rule had been abolished by section 10 of the Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1995 with prospective effect as from

May I, 1996. The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 gave the Brussels Convention the force of law directly in the United Kingdom. An action for copyright was plainly within the scope of the civil and commercial matters to which the Convention applied: article I.

The fundamental rule as to article 2: a person domiciled in a contracting state was to be sued in the courts of that state. There were exceptions to that principle. By article 5(3), the action for

compensation for infringement of copyright being a matter relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, could be brought in The Netherlands as the place where the harmful event

the repeal of rule 203 English courts could not refuse to adjudicate on an action against an English-domiciled defendant Article 6(I) permitted a person domiciled in a contracting state to based on an infringement of a legal right under the law of another defendants was dominited. The tracting state to which English

prevailed.

In circumstances of increasingly international dealings it might be said to be convenient to be able to sue a person for infringment of intellectual property rights in two or more contracting states by one action in the court of domicile instead of proceeding separately in each relevant jurisdiction.

The Convention did require an English court to accept jurisdiction where an action was brought against an English-domiciled defendant, with or without other defendants, for breach of a Dutch copyright, and to hear that action on the merits, and thus to override. so far as was necessary for that purpose, the Moçambique rule and rule 203, even though neither

was a rule of jurisdiction. Each of them, to the extent that they would preclude the English court from hearing such an action, would impair the effectiveness of the Convention by frustrating the operation of the basic rule in article 2, and therefore had to give way to allow the jurisdictional rules of the Convention to have their proper

In so far as the action was based on allegations of the breach of Dutch copyright, it should not be struck out as non-justiciable. How-ever, the action should be struck basis that it had no chance of

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obliged and able to request a

hearing, an order for a stay was

inconsistent with the automatic

The inconsistency seemed to be

clear in that the stay prevented the

plaintiff, or either party, taking

any of the steps under paragraph (3) which they would otherwise be

bound to take for at least some

period. It followed that the auto-

matic directions ceased to apply

and paragraph (9), the automatic

strike-out provision, must also

if the automatic directions did not

apply in a case where a stay had

been imposed on a plaintiff in

default, that seemed to place that plaintiff in a more lavourable

position than a plaintiff who was

The answer to that was twofold.

First, by seeking a stay, a defen-

dant was in fact seeking to use the inherent jurisdiction of the court,

recognised by rule II(4)(a), which would include powers to impose time limits or "unless" orders.

Since to obtain a stay the

defendant would go before the court, it lay within the defendant's

power to seek an order worded so

as to retain an automatic strike

out, or some other order impacting

Of equal importance, it also lay

within the court's own power to impose conditions that had that

effect. Consistent with the aim of

the rules themselves, consideration

should always be given by a court

insertion of a timetable along the

lines suggested above expressly preserving paragraph (9), as applying by reference to a date for

requesting the fixing of a trial. If the defendant obtained such an

order, the plaintiff in default would

have none of the advantages

The Master of the Rolls and

Solicitors: Bennett Metcalfe, Bristol; Faulkners, Frome.

Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

one suitable for

on the plaintiff in default.

The defendant had stressed that

cease to apply.

not in default.

## 'Sold' for valuation means' transferred property

Jones and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners Before Mr Justice Lightman Dudgment February 14]

For inheritance tax purposes a contract for the sale of the deceased's property which was not completed did not give rise to an eligible claim for relief under section 191 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984, as renamed by section 100 of the Finance Act 1986.

Although in an appropriate context "sold" could mean "agreed to be sold", in sections 190 to 198 of the 1984 Act, provisions concerned with various aspects of valuation. it had to mean "conveyed or transferred on completion of a

Mr Justice Lightman, on the hearing of an originating sum-mons in the Chancery Division so held, refusing to grant the plain tiffs, the personal representatives of William Robert Balls, deceased. a declaration that the value of his interest in Brook Farm, West Bergholt, Colchester, was not the probate valuation of £477,000 but the sale price of £300,150 agreed by a contract made in June 1991, being within three years of the date of the

Section 191 of the 1984 Act provides: "(1) Where - (a) an interest in land is comprised in a person's estate immediately before his death and is sold by the appropriate person within the period of three years immediately following the date of the death ... the value for the purposes of this Act of that interest shall ... be its

Section (98(i) provides: "... the

sold or purchased by the appro-priate person shall for the pur-poses of this Chapter be taken to be the date on which he enters into a contract to sell or purchase it."

Mr David Parry for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Furness for the

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the plaintiffs claimed that the value of Brook Farm that formed part of the deceased's estate was and remained the sale price agreed by a contract for its sale for £300,150 made in June

The contract was never com-pleted, the purchaser forfeiting the deposit. The plaintiffs contended that for the purposes of section 191 of the 1984 Act the entry into that contract was a sale.

The Crown contended that what was required was a completed sale: a contract which proved abortive was not such a sale.

His Lordship said the meaning of "sold", like the word "paid" dependended on the context: it might mean "agreed to be sold" and it might mean "conveyed or transferred on completion of a sale": consider per Lord Hoffman in Charter Reinsurance Co. Ltd v Fagan (The Times May 26, 1996; |1996| 2 WLR 726, 764-765).

in the appropriate context, sale might be an appropriate term to denote a contract and the legal consequence of a specifically land, and most particularly the vesting in the purchaser of the full equitable title, albeit subject to the vendor's rights under the contract including his "unpaid vendor's

VI of the Act was concerned with various aspects of valuation.

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Although the provisions extended to sales made for am reason during the statutory period. extended by section 199(1) of the Finance Act 1993 from three to four years for persons dying after March 16, 1993, the provisions were particularly directed to providing relief for persons who were compelled to sell in order to pay the inheritance tax attributable to the value of the interest sold.

Where there was a fall in the value of the interest sold because of a change in market conditions between the death and the sale, it might be unjust and unfair to require tax to be paid on the higher value at death rather than the value at the date of sale and the

moneys received on sale. But the focus in sections 190 to 198 of the Act was on the interest sold. A sale was the precondition to

Under the 1991 contract the interest agreed to be sold was the legal freehold which was to pass on completion. The 1991 contract. because it was specifically enforceable, passed the equitable freehold

question raised was whether the sale contemplated by section [9] was of the legal title on completion or of the equitable title on execution of the contract. In the clear beyond question that "sold" meant conveyed or transferred on

Solicitors: Ellison & Co, Colchester, Solicitor of Inland

### Automatic timetable ceases on stay of proceedings timetabling was concerned. But as

Whitehead v Avon County Council

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Waller

Judgment February 10j The automatic directions for the timetabling of proceedings under Order 17, rule 11 of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No In87/L20) ceased to apply if an action was stayed. However, a court should always consider whether it was appropriate to impose its own time imits to such an action.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an

For section 2011 of the Criminal

Appeal Act 1968, which contained

the provise that an appeal might

considered that no miscarriage of

iustice had occurred even if the

point raised on appeal might be decided in the appellant's favour, section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal

Act 1445 substituted the ground for

allowing the appeal that the Court

of Appeal thought that the convic-

should be under the misconception

was unsale. No practitioner

Regina v Foley

Regina v Melville

cision of Judge Batterbury at Bath County Court on March 24, 1995 that the personal injury action of the plaintiff. Cynthia Whitehead. had not been automatically struck out by virtue of the automatic directions under Order 17, rule 11

of the 1981 Rules. On September 6, 1993 the action was stayed 'pending the examina-tion of the plaintiff by [Dr X] and pending the provision by the plaintiff of a suitable form of authority enabling [Dr X] to have full access to the whole of the plaintiff's general medical

Mr Andrew Collender, OC and Mr Christopher J. Russell for the defendant; Mr Edwin Glasgow,

Proviso no longer exists

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Rose, Mr Justice Dyson

and Mr Justice Timothy Walker)

so stated on February 10 when

refusing the application of Shaun

Foley for leave to appeal, and dismissing the appeal of Carl McKenzie Melville against their

convictions on February 16, 1996 at

Teesside Crown Court (Mr Re-

corder Davey and a jury) of

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that

although the summing up was less

QC and Mr Peter Langlois for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that the difficult question raised on the appeal related to the effect of an order staving proceedings on the automatic directions laid down by Order 17, rule 11: in particular, whether the automatic strike out under rule 11(9) occurred despite there being in place an order for a stay as at the "guillotine date" that is, the date 15 months after the close of pleadings or nine months after the date fixed by the court for requesting a hearing date.

Lordship bore in mind that their

the strength of evidence was

overwhelming and the convictions

It had been stated in the Crown's

skeleton argument that it would be

argued that the proviso should

apply. When it was pointed out

that the proviso had not been part

of our law for more than a year,

counsel said that his misconcep-

tion was shared by many prac-

titioners. If that were the case.

which might be doubted, the

sconer the misconception

appeared the better.

were safe.

might well cease to have effect, and (b) the aim of the rules could also making appropriate orders. There was no reason why a court which there could be no argument. In a case such as the present an

"staying the action pending examination by Dr X, that examination to take place by (a date), and the plaintiff to be obliged to apply by (a further date) to fix a date for trial from which date the nine-month period shall run under Order 17. rule 11(9)".

Certainly if an order were in the above form his Lordship could see no objection on the basis of a stay having been ordered, to a plaintiff being entitled to apply to extend the periods of time if he could show reasonable grounds for doing so; example, if an appointment could not in fact be fixed by the date chosen, or pending an appeal or whatever. The imposition of a stay certainly could not prevent an application to extend the time set the very order imposing the

However, if the court itself made an order staying proceedings without words in the order preserving a

## Eligibility of applicants for housing

Regina v Southwark London Borough Council, Ex parte Bediako

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Zafru Before Mr Stephen Richards

[Judgment February 19] The eligibility of a homeless applicant for accommodation and assistance under Part III of the Housing Act 1985 was to be determined with reference to the circumstances existing when the housing authority had completed its investigations, not at the date of

the application.

Mr Stephen Richards, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated when dismissing applications by Augustine Bediako and Georghe Zafru, for judicial review of decisions of the London Borough of Southwark and Westminster City Council

respectively, that they were no longer eligible for help. Section 9(2) of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, denied the benefit of the homelessness provisions of the 1985 Act to asylum seekers who arrived in the UK after February 5, 1996 and did not claim asylum upon arrival. Both applicants arrived after that date and did not claim asylum upon arrival, but did apply for accommodation to housing authorities before the 1996 Act came into force

on August 19, 1996. In each case the housing authority had been carrying out inquiries pursuant to section 62 of the 1985 Act but on August 19, 1996 decided immediately to dis-continue giving any help on the basis that the applicants eligibility under the 1985 Act had ceased. Mr Jan Luba for the applicants; Miss Josephine Henderson for Southwark: Mr Thomas Hill for

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was common ground that that very issue had already been decided adversely to the applicants by Mr Justice Carnwath in R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Shelter (unreported, August 23, 1996). He was bound to follow that decision unless convinced it

The applicants had contended that section 9(2) of the 1996 Act could have no effect on an application under Part III of the 1985 Act prior to its coming into force, for a

It was submitted that on its plain words, section 9(2) had only prospective effect on future apdicants and that eligibility was to be determined once and for all at the date of the initial application.

His Lordship rejected that approach, pointing to the different stages of duties that existed under sections 62 to 64 of the 1985 Act. At each stage matters were to be looked at in the present tense rather than by reference back to the time of the application. If an applicant no longer satisfied the statutory conditions at the time of the final decision, he was not entitled to any rights under the

His Lordship mentioned R v
Newham London Borough Council. Ex parte Smith (The Times April 4, 1996) in which it was held that the relevant date for consid-

ering whether an applicant had a local connection with a housing authority for the purposes of Pari III of the 1985 Act was the date of the application. That case did not entail the more general conclusion that the date of the application was the material date for other purposes, and did not alter his Lordship's conclusion.

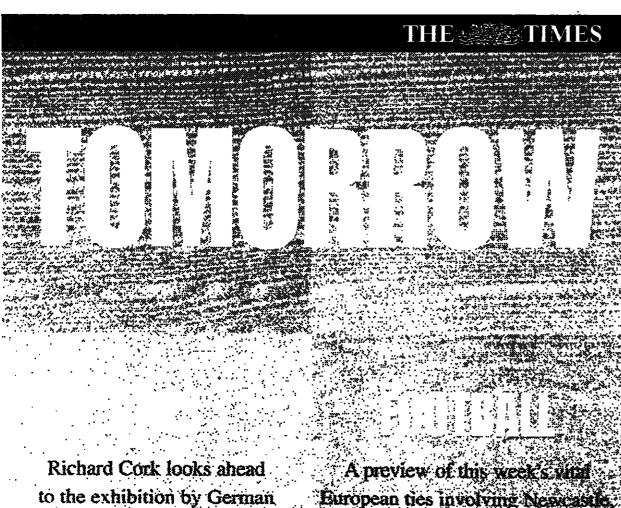
Second, it had been argued that il section 9(2) did apply to applications made before it came into force, it effected an implied partial repeal of Part III of the 1985 Act. and that section 16(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978 would apply to save pre-existing rights.

His Lordship said that the only

right that the applicants had aquired was to require the housing authorities to inquire into their applications and provide interim accommodation. Once section 9(2) came into effect, the only conclusion that the housing authorities could reach would be that the applicants were not eligible and would determine their applications accordingly.

Neither could the common-law principle, that a statute should not be interpreted as having retrospecrights unless unavoidable, be re-lied upon for the reason that retrospective effect, if so construed. His Lordship took the view that Ex parte Shelter was correctly decided.

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In their defence, the defendants

The recorder had held that if clear in the pleadings.

Once the point was taken then the onus would be upon the defendant to establish that the conditions in question were

where a pleading made it clear that the defendants were going to rely upon standard conditions, then it was implicit in that pleading that

they were saying that those stan-

dard conditions were reasonable.

Therefore that then became an issue in the proceedings with the

consequence that if no reply was filed, that was a live issue which

the defendants had to be prepared to meet at the hearing.

Alternatively, the plaintiff said that there was an obligation on the defendants to set out that the

conditions were reasonable so as to

make it clear that that was a requirement of the 1977 Act of

which they were aware and which

they were prepared to fulfit. The

requirement of reasonableness was a condition precedent to the reliance upon the standard con-ditions which were being prayed in aid.

The defendants submitted that it

was asking too much of them to

draw that matter to the attention of the other party which would aractual to an open invitation to

take a point that the conditions

were not reasonable. It was for the

plaintiff to trigger the issue by at

the reasonableness of standard conditions in a contract relied on

the pleadings.

Where defendants were intending to rely on such standard conditions the better practice would be for them to include in their defence a statement that the conditions were reasonable.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the point arising for consideration was one of importance with regard to the proper approach to pleading actions for breach of contract. The issue arose because of the provisions of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977.

had set out various of their standard provisions on which they said they were entitled to rely, the effect of which was either to exclude liability or to reduce their hability if they were shown otherwise to be liable.

there was going to be an issue as to the reasonableness of the con-ditions raised, then the obligation of the plaintiff was to make that

The plaintiff submitted that

## **Challenging contract** conditions

Sheffield v Pickfords Ud and Another Before Lord Woolf. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Thorpe and Sir Ralph Gibson

Hudgment February II A plaintiff who wished to challenge by a defendant to exclude hability did not have to raise the issue in

The Court of Appeal so held

allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Kristina Sheffield, against the decision of Mr Recorder McIntyre at Uxbridge County Court on August 8, 1995 refusing her leave to file a reply so as to plead the unreasonableness of standard conditions relied on by the defendants. Pickfords Ltd and Pickfords Removals Ltd. and giving judgment for the defendants in an action for breach of contract and negligence. Ms Michelle Stevens-Hoare for the plaintiff: Ms Naomi Ellenbogen for the defendants.

least indicating that she was putting the matter in issue. His Lordship was satisfied that, at the least, where defendants were relying on terms to which the Act applied, there was an implication that the terms were those upon which they were entitled to rely having regard to the provisions of the Act.

Furthermore, his Lordship would go further and say that there were advantages in defendants setting out clearly and squarely that they contended that the contract provisions were They could then take the course

of requiring the plaintiff to clarify her position, to say whether or not she was taking the point. If she was taking the point, then the defendants were in a position to have the necessary evidence at the hearing to establish the matter. Lord Justice Thorpe agreed and Sir Ralph Gibson gave a concur-

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Interims: Dorling Kindersley Holdings, 1AF Group, Paterson Zochonis, Wolseley, Finals: Britannic Assurance, Broadcastle, 8SG International, Cakebread, Robey, Charter, Claremont Garmente, Dairy Farm International, Delta, Dairy Farm International, Delta, DRS Data & Research, James Fisher & Sons, Glynwed International, Graseby, Hall Engineering Holdings, Hardy Oil & Gas, Law Debenture Corp. Lopex, Manders, Mayborn Group, Meggitt, Roxboro Group, Secure Trust Group, TC Group, Wassall, Watmoughs Holdings, Wilson (Connolly), Economic statistics: UK PSBR (February), Italy industrial output (January), US housing starts (February).

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earnings and unit wage costs (January), UK retail sales (February),
UK minutes of monetary policy
meeting held on February), US
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#### **THURSDAY**

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#### FRIDAY

Interims: Fortnum & Mason. Finals: Frost Group; Speciality Shops, Wace Group. Economic statistics: none scheduled.



# Pearson strategy under scrutiny

PEARSON: Today's full-year figures will be overshadowed by comments of Marjorie Scarding, the new chief executive, who makes her first appearance in the Square Mile. The City will want to question her closely on the future media strategy for the group, further disposals and even the £100 million hole that has opened up at Penguin Publishing in New York as a result of unauthorised discounting.
The results are unlikely to hold

many surprises after last month's trading update that accompanied the revelations at Penguin. Pretax profits are expected to have grown from £235.7 million to between £242 million and £262 million, with earnings likely to have fallen from 28.8p to 28.6p. The flurry of acquisitions and disposals during the period, in-

cluding the purchase of the education publishing interests of HarperCollins for E3SI million and the disposal of Westminster Press for £305 million, make it difficult for accurate forecasting. But shareholders should be rewarded with a near 10 per cent increase in the dividend to 18p.

GUINNESS: Brokers are agreed that we should see a flat performance when the drinks group unveils full-year numbers on Thursday. Pre-tax profit estimates are pitched in a narrow band ranging from £950 million to £958 million compared with £940 million. United Distillers will have struggled to make headway as figures at the half-way stage indicated. Flat operating profits of about £570 million are envisaged, with declines in sales in Europe and the US. Japan is also likely to have failed to lived up to expectations. A small increase in earnings, from 32.9p to 33.7p, has been pencilled in, with the payout growing 9 per cent to 16.25p.

ARGOS: There are unlikely to be any surprises in today's full-year figures in the wake of January's shock profits warning. The group has already indicated that the final outcome will be about £140 million, compared with £124.4 million last time, although some estimates are as low as £137



Marjorie Scardino of Pearson. The City will want to know more about future policy

while, at the same time, grabbing

market share across the board.

performer after a number of

years in the doldrums. The

payout is expected to grow 14 per

cent to 18.5p net. But brokers will

be anxious about the outlook for

the current year. Trading condi-

tions will prove tougher, with the

million. Like-for-like sales for the full year are likely to be up 8 per cent, with much of that improvement achieved in the first six months. There is expected to be a small rise in the gross margin. but a shift in costs is likely to depress trading margins.

KINGFISHER: Unlike Argos, the Woolworth, Comet, B&Q and Superdrug chain store is likely to have enjoyed 1996 when it reports full-year numbers on Wednesday. Brokers are looking for pretax profits of £380 million. compared with £287 million last time. Earnings are also likely to weakness in the French franc show a sharp improvement, with causing concern. 40.4p pencilled in against 31.6p last time. Last month's Christmas WOLSELEY: Expansion in trading statement confirmed that the group was on course for a bumper profits improvement

America, which now accounts for almost half of all group profits. will provide the key to tomorrow's half-year figures from the building products supplier. The recovery in the domestic housing B&Q will prove to be a star market and the growth in construction output should also prove helpful. The only black spot remains Europe where there is likely to be a further decline in profitability from France. Profit forecasts are pitched at about

£122 million, compared with £111 million last time. A figure of £255 million has been pencilled in for the full year.

VICKERS: Solid performances from its defence and automotive arms will be crucial to full-year figures on Wednesday. If Rolls Royce Motors has maintained its margins during the second half in the run-up to the launch of a new range of models with BMW engines some time this year, then it will have done well. The defence division should record a small improvement in margin as deliveries of the Challenger 2 tank to the Ministry of Defence continue. The figures are also likely to be marked by a return to profits by the medical side for the first time since 1994. Pre-tax profits will have grown by about E10 million, to £85 million, with earnings almost 9 per cent ahead at 17.1p. An increase in the payout of almost 15 per cent to 7.7p is forecast.

WM MORRISON: Fierce competition in the high street will result in a lacklustre performance from the northern supermarket chain when it unveils full-year figures on Thursday. These should show pre-tax profits up just 4 per cent, from £127.8 million to £132.3 million, with the outlook for the current year likely to be even tougher. The group's performance should be marked by a slowdown in both like-forlike and new store sales, plus an increase in costs of sales. Even so, shareholders are likely to be generously rewarded, with an 18 per cent rise in the payout forecast to 1.63p net.

ALBRIGHT & WILSON: A mixed performance is expected when final figures are reported on Thursday, with any improvement in its specialities and surfactants offset by an erosion of profits at its dominant phosphates operation. Pre-tax profits are likely to come in at £65.5 million, compared with £57.5 million last time, while earnings per share should have grown 11 per cent, from 13.1p to 14.6p. The dividend should be 6 per cent higher, at 6.85p.

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

## **PSBR** data to set tone

BRITAIN has a heavy schedule of economic statistics this week, kicking off with February figures for public borrowing tomorrow. The market is expecting a public sector borrowing requirement of £3.9 billion, according to a consensus forecast compiled by MMS International. This compares with the £5.8 billion repayment of borrowing in January. 2 bumper month for corporation tax.

On Wednesday, the minutes of the monthly monetary meeting held on February 5 are released and will be closely scrutinised for any softening of Bank of England demands for higher base rates.
Also on Wednesday, February retail sales figures are released and are expected to show a rise of 0.3 per cent, considerably weaker than the 0.6 per cent increase in January. This would leave sales volumes 3.8 per cent higher than a year ago compared with a year-on-year increase in January of 4.6 per cent.

These figures coincide with the latest labour market data. Unemployment figures for February are expected to show a decline in headline unemployment of 37,500 compared with January's drop of 68,000. Annual growth in average earn-ings in January is expected to be 4.25 per

cent, the same rate as in December. On Thursday, the retail prices index for February is published. The headline inflation rate is expected to have remained the same as in January at 2.8 per cent while underlying inflation, which the Government aims to get to 25 per cent or less, is expected to fall to 2.9 per cent from

3.1 per cent. February's M4 broad money supply figures are expected to show a rise in annual growth, back to 10 per cent from 9.8 per cent in January. Building society mortgage lending is expected to have risen by about the same as in January. The statistical week ends on Friday with the monthly CBI trends survey.

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#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Argos, Yorkshire Group: Add Surrey Free Inns. The Sunday Times: Buy Flextech, Babcock International, Johnson Group. The Observer: Sell Rentokil, Memory Corporation, Scotia Holdings. Independent on Sunday: Sell Shield Diagnostic, BAT Industries: Buy Freepages. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Ryland, IMS Group, Railtrack, Meggitt, Pearson, Vickers.

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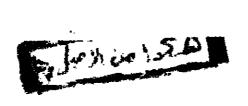
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Minimum

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BY PHILIP BASSETT

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S businesses

would be unaffected by a minimum wage set at even

£4 an hour, according to a

This is higher than the

level likely to be recom-

mended by a Labour gov-

ernment. Business leaders

have maintained that a

minimum wage would be damaging to business.

In the survey, commissioned by Reed Personnel,

the recruitment specialist,

and covering some 970 firms, 63 per cent of com-

panies said they would be unaffected by a minimum

wage of £4, with 35 per cent

saying that they would be affected. The survey sug-gests that firms with below

100 and below 500 employ-

ees are actually more likely

than larger companies to be unaffected by a £4

Labour has said it has no

specific figure for the mini-

mum wage, but says in-stead that a Low Pay

Commission, made up

from employers and em-ployees, would recommend

At a minimum of £3.75 an hour, 68 per cent of

companies surveyed said they would not be affected.

At an hourly rate of £3.50, 76 per cent said they will be

unaffected, while at a £3.25

rate as many as 79 per cent of firms said a minimum

wage would not damage

Ian McCartney, Labour's

Chief Employment Spokes-

man, said today that the

survey rejects Conservative

claims that a minimum

wage would be bad for

business: "By an over-

whelming margin, com-

panies of all sizes and

across all areas of the

economy have rejected the Tory scare campiagn, and adopted Labour's mea-sured approach of estab-

lishing a national

minimum wage through a Low Pay Commission."

☐ The tax system needs a

"radical overhaul", accord-

ing to the Institute of Direc-

tors it says share dividends should be book

taxable, and capital gains and inheritance tax should

he abolished, with the aim

of encouraging enterprise and creating wealth. It says the proposals would mean

"when a company made a profit, the Exche-

quer would only collect tax

their business.

survey published today.

Littlewoods

stores sale

to shake up

retailers

By Sarah Cunningham

stores could radically alter the

The survey from Verdict,

Verdict says that if Asda

the retail consultancy, coin-

offers for its 135 stores and it is believed to be looking to raise over £500 million. The report shows that Littlewoods' clothing market share has risen between 1994

and 1996 from per cent 1.6 to 1.9 per cent. Marks & Spencer's share has moved from 14.5 to 14.8 per cent and Burton's fashion multiples (including Dorothy Perkins, Burton Menswear, Top Shop, Top Man, Principles and Evans) from 4.8 to 4.9 per cent. Next has leapt from 3.2 per

cent to 4 per cent. Asda has cornered 1.6 per cent of the market (1.3 per cent) and Tesco 0.8 per cent (0.6 per cent). Among those to lose market share has been Etam which has gone from 1.3 to 0.9 per cent. BhS, which has gone from 29 to 27 per cent and C&A, which has fallen from 4.2 to 4 per cent.

The report notes that customers are willing to pay premium prices for branded items and that "the tremendous concentration, particularly in the women's wear mass market, means that life will continue to be tough for



Littlewoods is believed to be looking for more than £500 million for its 135-store chain

## **Small firms show** fall in confidence

By Janet Bush, economics editor

CONFIDENCE in the economy among Britain's small and medium-sized businesses has waned since the autumn, apparently because of the impact of sterling's strength on those dependent on exports, according to the latest 3i Enterprise

THE regulation of energy com-

panies is expected to face tough

criticism tomorrow in an all-

party Commons report that is

likely to give the Labour Party

fresh ammunition for its wind-

The Trade and Industry

Select Committee inquiry into energy regulation will say that

the companies made substan-

tial profits immediately after

privatisation. Labour is bound to seize on the independent

research as it prepares plans for a windfall tax.

Weaknesses in the regula-

tory process, which determines

the prices that can be charged

by energy companies, will be

highlighted in the weighty

report. The committee, under Martin O'Neill, its Labour

chairman, compiled the report

after months of taking

The report is expected to

favour the eventual replace-

ment of the electricity watch-

dog and gas regulator with a

fall tax on the utilities.

The latest survey, the only one which measures confidence among venture capitalbacked businesses, shows that confidence has dropped back

to August's level. There was a



marked fall in the number of companies expecting to increase profits from more than 60 per cent in the last survey to just under 50 per cent today.

Regulators face

criticism in

Commons report

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

single office covering both industries. But it is likely to

emphasise the importance of

timing, especially as both in-

dustries are currently prepar-

ing or implementing competi-

tion in the domestic market.

Separate criticism could be levelled at Stephen Littlechild.

the electricity regulator, over

progress towards competition in electricity amid persistant fears from many companies

that the ambitious pro-gramme cannot be achieved

Despite growing unease among some industry watch-

ers about the effectiveness of

the RPI-X formula of price

setting, the committee is un-

likely to recommend a switch from the method, which was devised by Professor Little-

child after the privatisation of

BT. It is expected to rule out

other formulae, such as those

used in the US, of setting a

capping. RPI-X has been

by its April 1998 deadline.

Ewen Macpherson, 3i's chief executive, said: "Compared with a year ago, the economic and business climate remains strongly positive. However, many small and medium-sized companies are exporters, or suppliers to exporters, and their less optimistic outlook may well reflect the impact of the appreciation

of sterling on margins." On a positive note, the proportion of companies expecting to increase investment during the first quarter of this year remained strong at the highest level for nearly eight years. Respondents to the survey also anticipated that 1997 would be a good year for employment with almost two thirds expecting to employ more people by the end of the year than at the end of 1996.

The survey showed a distinct fall in the proportion of firms who are positive about a European single currency compared with two years ago.

## New era of growth forecast

heavily criticised for encour-

aging short-termism. While

rejecting such arguments, the

committee is expected to praise a contribution from Ian

Byatt, the water regulator.

that companies should be

encouraged to participate in a

voluntary reallocation of

Support for a boost to the

budgets of the regulators is likely, with the committee

concerned that the cash-rich

companies can afford the best

advice and research in their

battles with their watchdogs,

while the regulators' offices

suffer tight linances and some

defection of key staff attracted

wide-ranging independent scrutiny so far of the regula-tory process. With Labour

likely to want a tougher re-gime should it win the elec-

tion, the report is likely to form

of utility control.

The report will be the most

by high salaries elsewhere.

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN'S relative decline over 20 years has been halted and its potential for economic growth is now greater than ever, according to a new report published today by the Social Market Foundation, an indepen-

dent think-tank. Nick Crafts, the author, argues that improved industrial relations, higher productivity and better investment decisions have resulted from economic reforms. These have gone some way towards repairing the damage of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s when, he says, serious economic policy er-rors, such as misdirected

sue with the new Labour view that low investment has been a primary cause of economic underperformance, citing instead weak productivity and a relatively weak capacity for innovation and for making effective use of technological change.

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Professor Crafts takes is-

## No CWS bank sale, Lanica told

By Fraser Nelson

THE Co-operative Bank has warned Andrew Regan, the 31-year-old entrepreneur understood to be preparing a bid for the bank, that any takeover approach would be doomed to failure.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), which wholly owns the bank, said asked the Bank of England for permission to launch a bid, but said the bank, which has been under co-operative ownership no headway at all in anything like this. The CWS has made it quite clear that it has no plans to sell the bank. Mr Regan can talk to anyone he so wishes, but there is simply no opportunity here."

Mr Regan, who runs Lanica Trust, has already made a £500 million proposal to it was aware of reports that Mr Regan has the CWS for a slice of its trading operations. The CWS said it was unable to confirm whether he was now bidding for 127 years, was not for sale. A movement. Peter Rowbotham, chairman spokesman said: "Mr Regan would make of the Co-op's retail arm, said: "Mr

Regan's tactics have shown a lack of understanding of the Co-operative movement's structure and politics. I know better than Mr Regan the views of our members, and they expect us to provide a service rather than help Mr Regan make a quick profit. As far as we're concerned, the matter is now closed and it's busines as usual."

The Co-operative Bank manages assets to dismantle the whole Co-operative of around £4 billion in two million accounts and its insurance arm has an income of £2 billion.

TAX BREAKS offered by stocks in the Alternative Investment Market are drawing millions of pounds into the junior exchange as the end of the tax

year approaches, according to traders. More than 50 AIM companies now offer tax shelter on any profits made on the shares if it is reinvested. Traders at Winterflood Securities, a market maker in all AIM stocks, say these stocks are coming under demand from investors whose capital gains are approaching the tax threshold Rutherford Asset Man-

## More junior stocks qualify for tax breaks

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

signed a strategy to exploit the tax breaks offered by the market while avoiding the risks.

The two have designed the Rutherford Cripps Reinvestment Relief portfolios. which store money in the longerestablished AIM companies which trade

1995/97

the trust is pitching itself at the super-rich; those who have just sold a business or have come into an inheritance.

The houses say that, with 266 companies. AIM has developed a core of reliable stocks that pay dividends, but do not rank with the speculative shares

agement and Cripps Harries Hall, the in more reliable sectors. With a mini-investment houses, claim to have demum investment threshold of £100,000, growth. Its choices include Country Gardens, which runs 30 garden centres in England, Shepherd Neame, England's oldest brewing company, Zergo, the fast-growing computer systems sup-plier, and VDC. The portfolio is now

running into its third series, which plans

pioneering series, launched last March, has grown its aggregate capital value by 16.7 per cent.

Under present rules, capital gains tax can be deferred, but not avoided. Gains made in qualifying stocks will not be taxed if invested elsewhere, but will be taxed if they are cashed in. While many to attract up to £10 million. The fear that a change of government may

mean that this benefit is ended, investors will be able to claim tax relief on any shares bought before any change is

The market has been steady for the past two months, with the AIM index hovering just below its high of 1.140.40. The index is been weighed down by the relatively sluggish performance from the market's largest stocks: Trocadero. Celtic and Ramco Energy.

FRASER NELSON

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## Jon Ashworth on the restoration of Sadler's Wells to financial health

# All-dancing yet unsung heroes

rofessional advisers are enjoying rich pickings from the National Lottery — but not, it seems, in the case of Sadler's Wells. London's second oldest theatre is set to reopen late next year, thanks, in no small part, to the efforts of Andersen Consulting, which has guided the project from the start.

Sadler's Wells was at the

Sadler's Wells was at the head of the queue for Arts Council lottery funding and was rewarded with a grant for up to £30 million in funds. Construction and design account for most of the costs.

Little would have been achieved without Andersen, which had donated about £400,000 in professional time by January 1995 when the lottery application was submitted. There was similar largesse from Berwin Leighton, the law firm, which worked on planning applications free of charge. Clifford Chance has also done its bit. Such generosity is not evi-

dent elsewhere, where projects such as the Royal Opera House, the Lowry Centre, and the South Bank, are generating millions of pounds in fees.

Architects, engineers and surveyors have been stung by

surveyors have been stung by suggestions that they are cashing in. Advisers' fees on lottery construction projects tend to average 17 per cent. Based on a range of 13 to 20 per cent, fees associated with lottery projects could easily top E800 million. All of which makes Sadler's Wells. which recently staged an all-male production of Swan Lake, all the more unusual. Ian Albery, the chief executive.

says Andersen Consulting and

Berwin Leighton have played a vital role. He adds: "Without

these two firms, we would

never have got near to win-

ning a major lottery award.

This was the first big piece of



Staging a comeback: Sadler's Wells, which recently presented an all-male production of Swan Lake, received vital yet free help from its advisers to secure National Lottery funds

lottery." National Lottery grants have sparked a construction boom across Britain — about 300 people are working on site at Sadler's Wells alone — but much of the physical evidence will not appear until 1998 and 1999.

Sadler's Wells is currently a huge hole. Only part of the old auditorium remains — a home for the "ghosts" dating to 1683, when the first of five theatres to be built on the site was opened by Dick Sadler. Andersen be-

came involved in mid-1994, long before "lottery grant" entered the lexicon. The first lottery tickets did not go on sale until November 1994. Then, Sadler's Wells was on the edge of insolvency, about £500,000 in debt, and lacking the generous grants awarded

to more mainstream entities.

Hugh Morris, the Andersen
partner concerned, swiftly
took charge. Andersen staff
were soon working with the
Sadler's Wells project team on

drafting a lottery application. Mr Albery says: "It was an enormous morale booster to have someone from outside become part of the family. Many companies would not want to be associated with something that was so close to the edge."

Mr Morris says: "He [Albery] called me over and shared his dream about what could happen. It felt like something that was worthwhile doing — exciting and

innovative." Andersen personnel, he said, gained a lot from the experience. He adds: "We tend to work for very large organisations. Here, we have a whole business in microcosm. They have come out with a broadened business

perspective."
Sadler's Wells made 62 of its 85 employees redundant, but a few have been re-employed at the Peacock Theatre in Kingsway — the company's temporary home until the new

theatre opens. The new building will provide about 90 jobs, and it is hoped that ushers and other part-timers will be taken

The new auditorium will seat 950 or 1600 people (depending on the layout), with more for promenade performances. There will be dressning rooms for 100 artists and an orchestra pit big enough for 90 musicians. The Lilian Baylis studio theatre will seat up to 200, and enjoy greatly

improved facilities. All being well, the new Sadler's Wells will open in October 1998 the first of the big lottery projects to reach fruition.

Andersen Consulting will get some sort of recognition — a plaque, perhaps — but expects nothing. As Mr Albery says: "A lot of consultants are making money out of the National Lottery, but there are a lot of unsung heroes. Andersen enabled this project to start and live."

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# CITY

## Carlton goes to Hollywood?

CARLTON Communications could soon be owner of the Hollywood studio that made The Mask. Word has it that the media group is involved in a consortium with Havas, the French company, to buy New Line Cinema. Owned by Ted Turner, the studio, which was itself taken over by Time Warner, is being sold in the wake of the merger. The previous frontline bidder was thought to be Chris-Craft Industries, the US broadcaster.

#### Gregory's goal

AFTER three years at Prolific, Tim Gregory has quit to join Gartmore. The director and top-rated head of income funds left last Monday, forcing Prolific to delay the launch of an offshore UK emerging companies fund due for March 21. Gregory is expected to join Gartmore in mid-April as a senior fund manager within the income team. Meanwhile, he and his wife are soaking up the sun în Australia.

#### Brokers' notes

A GROWING band of City whiz-kids is heading to Saint-Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe for an hour's piano tuition at lunchtimes. Lucinda Mackworth-Young, a concert pianist and psychologist, has set up base in the Blackfriars church as a refuge for stressed-out City types. The daughter of Bill Mackworth-Young, a former Morgan Grenfell chairman, teaches anything from The Beatles to Rachmaninov.

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Star pupil Mark Roberts, a jazz junkie and director at SBC Warburg, has so far mastered Georgia On My Mind. His colleague Audrey Wiggin has dragooned her boss Geoffrey King, director of equities at Warburgs, and her brother Tom, head of convertible bonds at Flemings, into joining.



Mackworth-Young: on song for City executives

### Hair today ...

NEW'S that Varga Studio, one of Central Europe's leading animation studios, is to join forces with TV Cartoons, the UK's oldest animation house, makes Peter Rona a happy man. After 20 years at Schrodcrs, latterly as head of the New York office, Rona launched the First Hungary Fund, which owns Varga, in 1989. After studying law at Oxford, he became personal assistant to Gordon Richardson, then chairman of Schroders and later Governor of the Bank of England. Rona incurred his wrath on ploughing \$75,000 of Schroders money into Hair, the musical. "I liked the music, and it was a successful investment." Rona says, adding that it was sold soon after.

SO. Bristol & West has sent out 580 tonnes or 7,407,000 metres of paper when laid side by side—enough to stretch more than once around the world, or the equivalent of 98 trips from Bristol to Bank of Ireland's head office in Dublin. But what to do with the transfer document once you've learnt it by heart? For each document recycled at one of its branches, B&W will make a 5p donation to "Community Forests".

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# Test case to look at employment rights

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

A TEST case that opens today in the Court of Appeal is the first to examine the rights of employees since a landmark judgment in the European Court of Justice last week.

Court of Justice last week.

The case, Betts v Brintel Helicopters, involves 66 staff who worked for a contractor providing helicopter services to oil rigs operated by Shell in the North Sea. Brintel lost one of its contracts, but the new contractor did not recruit the 66 employees involved.

The case is comparable with the appeal by a German cleaning worker that was decided in the European Court last week.

the European Court last week.

The Luxembourg court ruled that when a company wins a contract it does not have to employ the staff who previously did the work, provided no assets are transferred to the contractor. Until the ruling, companies that took over a

contract also took over responsibility for the employment rights of the workers who were carrying out the work.

The ruling threatens the rights of all workers employed by businesses that tender for work such as hospital services, local authorities and school services. But unions have argued that each transfer must be considered on its merits. Employers are also anxious for fresh clarification of the law because the ruling means that when an employer loses a contract it will become liable for the redundancy costs of the

workers that it employed.

Consideration of the case is expected to be protracted as the judges grapple with the implications of the European decision, aware that their ruling will be an important comment on the European decision.

## Sema loses £45m deal with E&Y

By Fraser Nelson

SEMA, the Anglo-French computer services group, has lost its £45 million outsourcing deal with Ernst & Young after the accounting firm scrapped plans to hand over its IT department at the eleventh hour.

The two companies have agreed that the contract, described as model" by Ernst & Young only last year, would have been flawed by a clash of corporate cultures.

Clive Williams, the Ernst &

Clive Williams, the Ernst & Young managing partner in charge of the handover, admitted that the company had not handled the switch as well as it could have, and conceded that this had led to the departure of key computer onemtors.

Three weeks ago, Lloyds TSB abandoned its £50 million outsourcing contract with Sema three years early.

BRADFORD & BINGLEY

will unveil details of a new loyalty and reward scheme for

publishes its full-year results.

been a strong advocate of

mutuality and said last year it

was giving back El million a

week to its two million saving

and borrowing members. This means profits are likely

to be down 40 per cent, as are

The building society has

**B&B** rewards loyalty

By Marianne Curphey

# Abbey 'will not target Friends'

By Anne Ashworth

ABBEY NATIONAL yesterday denied that it would pounce on Friends Provident if its bid for Scottish Amicable is rejected. A spokeswoman said that Abbey was concentrating on its offer for Scottish Amicable and had "no other named targets in mind". Abbey is competing with the

Prudential and AMP of Australia for control of Scottish Amicable, which became a bid target after the announcement of controversial demutualisation proposals. The interested parties submitted their final offers on Friday. These put a price tag of around £1.9 billion on Scottish Amicable but no exact figures are available as secrecy covers the negotiations.

The Scottish Amicable board is expected to announce its preferred bidder by the end of this month.

those of the Yorkshire Build-

ing Society which publishes its

Other mutual societies, in-

cluding the Britannia, have

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& Bingley said: "We are going to hand back a lot more money

A spokesman for Bradford

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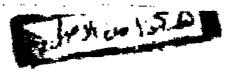
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Sorrell set

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Martin Sorrell, WPP chief executive, will pick up free shares worth £4.67 million if the advertising group's

shares stay above 230p by

worth the same amount

through the first tranche of

his four-part incentive scheme, stands to gain a

further £10.5 million if the

scheme, which is potential-

five years. Mr Sorrell will

not be able to cash in his

fortune until September

1999. WPP's shares closed at 272½ p last Friday.

development

More developments are

expected this week in the

bidding for the £1.6 billion

Mortgage Express loan book, put up for sale earlier this year by Lloyds

TSB. Interested parties are

said to include a consor-

tium made up of UBS Home Loans and the Bri-

Mortgage Express, es-

tablished II years ago, is a

centralised lender selling

loans through intermediaries. There have been

attempts to turn round the

business, making it a

niche market player, deal-ing with the self employed

and contract workers. But

it does not fit within the

Lloyds TSB mortgage

arm, now brought together

under the C&G name. A

spokeswoman for C&G de-

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that protect nurses from accidentally infecting themselves after giving injections are coming to the Alternative Investment Market, via the flotation of New Medical Technology. The company hopes to raise up to £15 million. The syringes, named Zero-Stick, carry a needle

which retracts as soon as an injection is delivered. making acceidental infection impossible. They are due to go on sale in the second half of next year.

The company forecasts that safety syringes will account for half of the £1.12 billion market in four years' time.

### Prestbury aim

Prestbury Leisure, a Manchester company that designs and sells sportwear and leather jackets, plans to join the Alternative Investment Market next week valued at £2.52 million. John Edelson and Jonathan Lyons, its founders, will share a stake worth £1.42 million after the flotation. The company is raising £770,000 to fund expansion.

# Beleaguered Shell takes stand on human rights

By CARL MORTISHED

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, is expected to an-nounce today a big change to its business principles, incorporating for the first time a statement of support for fundamental human rights. The multinational com-

pany, which came under altack last year over the disposal of the Brent Spar and its activities in Nigeria, has rewritten its statement of general business principles.

The new version is expected to state that the oil company has a duty to support human rights, has proper regard for the environment and a commitment to sustainable developnicat.

Shell was taken by surprise over the scale of the opposi-tion to its plans to dump the Brent Spar. The company believes that its role in Nigeria, where it was accused of environmental damage, has been misrepresented and misunderstood.

Concern about Shell's activities has prompted several church-based pension funds to table a resolution to the annual meeting of Shell Transport & Trading, de-manding more disclosure about Shell's impact on the environment.

The Shell business principles are designed mainly for internal use; the original document deals extensively with business ethics and prohibits the taking or giving of bribes. However, the decision to adopt highly emotive concents, such as human rights. into a code of conduct for its staff is likely to arouse controversy, both inside and outside the organisation. The company was heavily

criticised by human rights activists for not taking a stand in Nigeria against the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Ogoni leader. Shell claims that it voiced its opposition privately and that its business principles prohibit Shell companies from interfering in politics. However, the new document is expected to exclude that prohibition and to recognise a responsibility to express support for human

Shell has been in talks with Pire, other shareholder lobby groups and various non-governmental organisations since May last year over the new principles but they are likely to fall short of demands from Shell's critics; the document will give as much weight to Shell's responsibility to its shareholders. Shell's initiative will be

closely watched by other multinationals, including British Petroleum, which is coming under fire from environmentalists for its activities in the new oil provinces west of the Shetlands. It has also been accused of links with the military in Colombia, allegations denied by BP.



Ken Wiwa, son of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and Ogoni leader who was executed

## Japanese join the jam in direct motor cover

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

CUT-THROAT competition, an overcrowded market and falling premiums have done nothing to deter a Japanese company from launching into UK direct motor insurance

The new insurer, Hastings Direct, backed by Chiyoda of other direct insurers battling for market share in an industry plagued by falling premi-um rates and rising claims.

But analysts have questioned whether there is room for another telephone insurer in a saturated market. AA Insurance Services has already predicted that smaller direct insurers will merge or be taken over this year because many of them are having to write business at a loss to attract new customers. Chiyoda, Japan's fourth largest motor insurer, has set

Bexhill, East Sussex, and will officially begin trading on Wednesday. The project has the blessing of Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Hiroaki Fujii. the Japanese Ambassador, who will be attending an

opening ceremony.
Their support is of the importance of the new company in an area struggling with rising unemployment. Hastings Direct already employs more than 100 staff and plans to increase that to 300 over the next three years, which would make it the largest private sector com-

pany in the local area. After a pilot scheme in January, its managing director. Jerry Kendall, 42, a former Lloyds syndicate underwriter, aims to spread the start-up costs, which are less than £10 million, over the next three years. He aims to up a UK headquarters in attract o5.000 policyholders this

year and to have written more than £75 million of business and have 250,000 policyholders by the end of the decade. He said: "We will be cost effective and aim to post a small profit this year."

The announcement comes only days after the UK's nsurers gave ing that the motor insurance market was still fiercely competitive. Independent Insurance said it saw no sign of an upturn in premium rates paid by motorists, while the composite insurers said they would try to impose rate rises hut could not be sure whether they would stick.

Mr Kendall said: "We believe the motor market will grow from 16 million to 20 million by 2000 and that the proportion of people buying direct insurance will shift from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the total market.

## Forsyth awaits court ruling

By Jon Ashworth

THE latest chapter in the Polly Peck International saga is expected to draw to a close today. Elizabeth Forsyth, freed on bail in January after serving ten months of a five-year prison sentence, returns to the Court of Appeal to hear a panel of judges deliver their ruling.

ed a year ago of handling £400,000 in funds purportedly stolen from PPI by Asil Nadir, fugitive founder of the fruits-toelectronics group. She was released six weeks ago, after the judges hearing her appeal ruled that the five-year sentence was excessively harsh.

Lord Justice Beldam, sitting with Mrs Justice Bracewell and Mr Justice Mance, made clear at the opening of the appeal that Mrs Forsyth would not be returning to prison. The former banker and one-time aide to Mr Nadir is appealing against conviction and sentence. Develop-

ments will be watched closely by Mr Nadir, who is in selfimposed exile in northern Cyprus. He fled Britain in May 1993 while awaiting trial on fraud and theft charges. Any quashing of Mrs Forsyth's conviction could imply that he did not steal £400,000 charge - and allow him to mount a fresh legal challenge. The Serious Fraud Office has said it will press on with the case against him. ☐ The Old Bailey jury in the trial of Abbas Gokal, the

former head of the Guif Group, is expected to retire on Wednesday. Mr Gokal denies one count of false accounting and a second count of conspiracy to defraud. He is accused of conspiring with Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) officials to siphon off more than \$1.2 billion in loans.

GILT-EDGED

## **Expect spreads** to narrow in any event

oes gilts' out-performance of European markets in recent weeks set the stage for a prolonged new trend, or is this no more than a minor hiccup in a period of underperformance? It will not be just a temporary feature, despite the volatility that will be introduced by the general election and by a different rate cycle from Europe.

Apart from the mixed domestic factors, the key influence on gilts and international investment behaviour will be discussions on EMU. As the start date for the euro approaches and sentiment becomes ever more uncertain, sterling assets will receive greater at-tention from the Far East and the US. Gilts will provide an alternative in international portfolios against EMU bloc currencies, which are likely to face an uncertain period. This will apply whether monetary union occurs on time or is delayed.

The ten-year gilt spread against bunds, which has gyrated in a range of 1-2 per cent since early 1996, is likely to move towards the lower end of this range by the end of the year once interest rate rises have been absorbed. The top end of this range should be sufficient to price in any political risk and any rate rises during 1997. Beside spread narrowing, sterling will also appreciate. despite the fall in recent days because of favourable inflation comments and the shift in rate expectations.

Any concerns that the election and the likelihood of a change in Government will increase the risk premium for gilts will be no more than temporary. Any pro-longed risk premium increase due to a Labour Government has to be judged on two particular issues. First, will it lead to a notable shift in both the implementation and substance of fiscal and monetary policy? On monetary policy, interest rates will increase in any case. A Labour Chancellor will be even more keen to prove credibility in the event of the May Inflation Report restance on price develop-ments in the medium term. On fiscal policy, a mini-Budget will not significantly change the borrowing requirement for the next few

Second, will a new Government quickly change pol-icy on EMU? Labour is committed to a referendum and although it is unlikely that there will be any wish to be part of a single currency in the first wave in 1999, comments from leading Labour officials will be more

pro-European and will be viewed positively by international investors. A more important influence will be the growth-inflation out-look. The economy is clearly continuing to grow at a relatively fast pace, with consumers still to benefit from tax changes in April. There is little reason for

an aggressive tightening as the price transmission mechanism is different in this cycle from previous economic cycles. The experi-ence of the US should high-light the fallacy of those arguing that inflation must inevitably rise, leading to sharply higher interest rates.

Clearly, UK rates will rise to slow the economy to ensure inflation remains close to the target in 1998. But, whereas the market is discounting an increase of I-114 per cent over the next year, we expect rates to peak just 12 per cent above current levels. Apart from these domestic factors, the single most important issue for international investors will be the probable restructuring of portfolios to take

account of a single currency. The gilt market, with its liquidity and structure in addition to spread and currency arguments, will be ranked towards the top of any European portfolio. This will apply particularly to the Japanese and Far Eastern investor base. To some extent, £11 billion of eurosterling issuance so far this year has attempted to tap into this demand.

🕇 learly, neither the EU economic back-ground nor the internal political nal political pressures, particularly in Germany. will be conducive to positive comments emerging either before the June Amsterdam summit, or in the run-up to the decision on participants in early 1998. Those who argue that the whole process will be delayed are missing the point. The discussion in Germany is not about a wholesale delay, but a single currency based on the core. bloc in 1999. Gilts' attractiveness as an alternative to other European governments in global portfolios EMU occurring on the basis of a core bloc or on the basis of an enlarged bloc. The conclusion has to be

that international investors will look past short-term volatility and focus instead on longer-term arguments of greater monetary credibility, fiscal considerations and better inflation performance. Spread narrowing to 114 per cent above bunds by year-end will be possible.

> Sanjay Joshi Daiwa Europe

## EU to issue further works councils directive



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By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRUSSELS is to bring forward new proposals requiring companies in every European member state, including the UK, to establish works councils for consulting with their employees. Even those with as few as 50 employees could be affected.

The move, likely to be announced in May by Padraig Flynn, the EU's Social Affairs Commissioner, is expected to infuriate Conservatives, especially Eurosceptics, and business leaders who argue that works councils damage the flexibility of companies. The Commission is expected to intro-

duce the proposal under the EU social

chapter, Britain's social chapter opt-out. with the likely loss of 3,100 jobs.

negotiated by the Prime Minister at Maastricht, would prevent its being applied to the UK, but its provisions would apply if a new Labour government abandons the opt-out and signs up to the social chapter, as it is committed to do. Large, multinational companies based

in Britain are already having to comply with an EU directive requiring them to establish European-style works consultative councils if they have the specified number of employees in two or more EU member states. The Brussels move appears to have been spurred by the decision by Renault, the carmaker, to close its

plant in Vilvoorde, in northern Brussels.

Commission officials said it had been taken without consulting the company's workforce, as required by EU law. The Commission is expected to propose that all companies above a specified size should establish information and consult-ation arrangements. While the draft directive is not expected to specify that these are European-style works councils. the expectation in Brussels is that works councils will be adopted and introduced. The Commission is under pressure from the European Parliament and elsewhere to set it at 50 employees.

WORD-WATCHING

(c) Characterised by the imposition of servitude as a penalty on a defaulting debtor. Roman law, from the Latin nexus or nexum, a bond or obligation. "It is probable that in early times plebeian law recognised no debt except that created by the nexal

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(a) A stout woody fibre obtained from the leaf-stalks of two Brazilian palm-trees, Attalea funifera and Leopoldinin Piussuba. and imported for the manufacture of coarse brooms, brushes, etc. 1858: "That fibre, resembling whalebone, called in commerce Piassaba fibre, Monkey Grass or Para Grass."

(b) Taking bribes. or consuming. From the common Teutonic verb nim to take. Those Nimming Neds and Crook-linger'd Jacks of the typographical Tribe."

(a) A palankeen, or covered litter or conveyance, usually for one person, used in India and other Eastern countries, consisting of a large box with wooden shutters like Venetian blinds, carried by four or six (rarely two) men by means of poles projecting before and behind. From the Portuguese and Last Indian vernacular. "The greater nobility are carried in a palkee, which looks very like a hammock fastened to a crooked pole."

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audling, Barber. Lawson. Put any of these names of Conservative Chancellors before the word "boom" and you evoke not only a period in our history but also a distinctive national economic mood — overweening confidence and bravado, followed by disillusion bordering

on despair. Just a few months ago, the prevailing smart opinion was that the name "Clarke" was soon to be added to this list; 1997 was going to be a bumper year, with all the usual after-effects, including sharply rising inflation and much higher interest rates.

But not any more. Even the Bank of England is busy back-tracking from last autumn's frantic calls for higher rates. This Wednesday's retail sales figures will probably confirm that, although consumer spending remains healthy, there is no spending splurge. Whatever happened to the Clarke boom?

Some of the answer may be that the strong pound has taken the edge off the corporate sector's confidence. But the real effect of this is yet to come. Some of the answer is perhaps that consumers have come to fear higher interest rates and perhaps, also, the prospect of higher taxes under Labour.

The simple truth, though, is that the Clarke boom was always a creature of imagination. For officials in the Bank and the Treasury it was the stuff of nightmares. They had failed to spot the Lawson boom

he ongoing controver-sy over Wafic Said's

proposed £20 million gift to Oxford Univer-

sity for a "new" business

school has eclipsed one impor-

tant point. The university al-

The financier's donation.

which has been delayed by wrangles over a site, is to

expand the existing School of

Management Studies rather than to create something from

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(MBA) course to compete with

After plans to develop play-

But the foundations for a

world-class MBA have been

laid already, and not without

opposition of their own. Last

October the School of Management Studies launched the

Oxford MBA, in addition to

undergraduate management teaching. It accepted 49 stu-

dents from around the world

length of many competitors. Professor Anthony Hop-

for a one-year course, half the

wood, the director, says the

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measure of cognitive ability

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the footsteps of Bill Clinton.

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of the foreign exchange regula-

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She graduated with distinction

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military academy. But there

are some second-class degrees

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One of the youngest stu-

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# Whatever happened to the Clarke boom?

coming and then had failed to blow the whistle. Afterwards came the inflationary upsurge, the recession, the painful period in the ERM and the even more painful exit.

Then, against their expectations and as if by accident, Britain stumbled on a winning formula and managed to achieve decent economic growth accompanied by low inflation. They were not going to let this pleasant surprise be overwhelmed by another uncontrolled boom. Hence the Bank's somewhat unbalanced approach to interest rate policy in public, which was shared by many Treasury officials in private. Not for the first time the prevailing obsession was to prevent a repeat of the last policy error.

That error, they thought, had centred on excessively low interest rates, but it had been compounded by the effects of financial market deregulation, which allowed people to spend well beyond their immediate means. Stir in the tax-cutting budget of 1988 and you had the makings of a very heady brew.

How could there be anything like this in the staid 1990s? It would surely take something special to transform matters into even a pale



imitation of the Lawson boom. But some commentators thought they could see that something - the "windfall" payouts emerging first from Tessa maturities and then from building society takeovers. These would be the 1990s equivalent of financial market deregulation. Tot up the amounts to be received by consumers and you reached some staggering numbers — the equivalent of 10p, or even 15p, off the standard rate of income tax. But this analysis was missing something. The magic ingredient in

the 1980s was not the deregulation

but the boom psychology. It pervad-

Adam Jones runs the rule over a fledgeling among MBA schools

Oxford's 'baby' means business

ed everything and everybody -

mortgage borrowers and mortgage lenders, property developers, retailers, commentators and officials and, of course, Government ministers, who committed the fatal error of believing their own publicity. It was like a mad fever. Nineties psychology is different.

The people who make up the economy that the authorities seek to forecast and control had learned the same lesson from the Lawson boom - "never again". They now see house prices rising nicely, though not spectacularly. Anyway, they may subsequently fall back.

At just over 4 per cent, pay is now rising slightly faster than it was but this is still much slower than at any time since the 1960s. At this rate, too large a loan or too high a price paid for a house, will not be easily sloughed off. And in the future, pay rises may turn out to be even lower.

Meanwhile, feelings of job insecurity remain rife. They are not governed by the official jobless numbers but by individuals' daily experience of the startling brutality the sharp economic changes affecting the world of work, and by their sense of helplessness in the

This change of attitude shows up clearly in saving and borrowing behaviour. In the Eighties boom. consumer spending rose much faster than personal incomes. The gap was made up by borrowing and dissaving. The proportion of personal incomes devoted to saving fell from over 13 per cent in 1980 to a mere 6 per cent in 1988. By contrast, the current healthy growth in consumer spending is being driven by increases in incomes. Last year, the proportion of incomes devoted to saving remained roughly constant at above 11 per cent.

So in this environment the overwhelming response to the windfall payouts is to save them. They are predominantly regarded as nonrepeatable capital sums to be kept for that rainy day. This epitomises the difference between now and the late Eighties. Then, such windfalls might have been used to support a monster loan, or simply splashed out in the apparent assumption that next year, and the year after, there would be some other, as yet

unimagined, bonanza. Some of this new-found sanity is surely the result of lingering memories of the pain of the last recession. In time these will fade. But most of it. I suspect is the result of living without the illusions created by high inflation. This will endure And the result is another surprise for forecasters and wary officials alike - no Clarke boom, no need for a sharp rise in interest rates and

# A brutal homecoming The Monday Play: Capricornia. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Australian cinema has long since come out of the shadows and established an international reputation, but Australian theatre still provokes something of "what's that?" response on this side of the world. Capricornia, however, is already familiar to theatre buffs here and is bound to an advantage of the street of t and is bound to attract wider acclaim with this radio production, made in conjunction with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and recorded in Perth. The story is of a sophisticated man who returns to the Northern Taratagus where he was brought up. As a beautiful to the Northern Taratagus where he was brought up. As a beautiful to the Northern Taratagus where he was brought up. As a beautiful to the Northern Taratagus where he was brought up. As a beautiful to the Northern Taratagus where he was brought up. returns to the Northern Territory where he was brought up. As a boy he believed his mother was a Javanese princess and his father a war hero; as a man he discovers the brutal truth.

Sounding the Century. Radio 3, 9\_35pm.

This programme in Radio 3's cultural survey of the century is subtitled The 60s - Paperback Writers and is worth hearing if only for interviews with Saul Bellow and Camille Paglia, from which you will realise that the theme is writers. One can see why Bellow is present but Paglia, a fashionable figure of this decade rather than any previous one, is harder to place in the 1960s. She claims, however, to be very much a product of that era. More interestingly, the decade inwhich the death of the novel was first promulgated seems to have been chronicled much better by writers than by the electronic media that was supposed to usurp them. But perhaps such predictions were Peter Barnard merely premature.

#### RADIO 1

7.00em Mark Raddiffs and Boy Lard Ive 7.00em Manchester 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Camp-bell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Cive Warren with the Early Breakfast Show

#### RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Stewa Winght at the Movies 7.30 Malcolm Laycock with Dence Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttetton 10.00 Vaudeville Red-Hot and Blue 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05ems Stewa Madden 3.00 Charles Nove, includes Pause for Thought

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Maga-zine with Diana Madiff 12.00 Middley with Mair, includes at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Julian Womcker Nationwide News 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Voices of Sport: Dan Maskel Extra 7.35 volces of Sport Dan Nesses. 8,00 Football Forum with Eleanor. Oldroyd, Mark Bosnich, Brendan Balson and Pat Murphy 10,00 News Talk with Jeremy Vine 11,00 Night Extra with Valene Singleton 12,00 After Hours 2,00am Up All Night

#### TALK RADIO

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrains Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Destey 7.00 Moz Des's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mike Dickin

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT News on the hour. 5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe. Today 7.15 Red Dwarf (3/12) 7.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.10 Words of Falth, 8.15 Ship of Light 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Anything Goes 9.45 Sport 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Red Dwarf (3/12) 11.30 Omnibus 12.06pm World Business Report 12.15 Britism Today 12.30 Andy Kershaw 2.05 Outlook 2.30 John Peel 3.05 Sport 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Omnibus 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 British Today 6.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Just a Minute 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Falth 7.30 Multitrack Hit List Words of Faith 7.30 Multitrack: Hit List Words of Fath 7.30 Multitrack: Hit List 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britan Today 9.30 Mornents That Changed Cur World 9.45 First on the Scene 10.30 World Today 10.45 Sport 11.10 Take Five 11.15 Record News 11.30 Multitrack 12.30sm Global Corteans 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Outlook 1.55 Words of Faith 2.30 Ornibus 3.15 Sport 3.30 Mendian 4.30 Europe Today

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#### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Mozart (Flute Concerto in G major K313) Mozart (Flute Concerto in G major K313)
3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic
Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Saint-Saëns
(Bassoon Sonata Op 168) 8.00 Evening
Concert. Hamilton Harly (In Ireland);
Franz Denzi (Flute Concerto No 2 in D
minor Op 31); Amold Bax (The Garden
of Fend); Hemilton Harly (An Irish
Symphony) 10.00 Michael Mappin
1.00em Mel Cooper

#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jone 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Fornest 2.00am

#### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Strauss (Suite: Der Rosenkavalier); Wiren Rosenkavaller; when
(Serenade for Strings);
Scarlatti (Sonata in C sharp
mnor); Hahn (Le Bai de
Beatrice d'Este); Allesandro
Marcello (Concerto No 3 in B
minor); Strauss (Don Juan)
Morning Collection, with
Peter Hobday, Includes Lully
(Dances from the Cassel

Suite No 6 in E. BWV817); Vivaldi (Dtot Dominus, RV595) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Main Nicholson Includes Rameau (Overture Hippolyte and Aricie): Mozart (Prano Sonala in C minor, K457); Cowell (Air and Scherzo); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A.

Op 47); Ravel (Trois Chansons); Dutilleux (Timbres, Espace, Mouvement); Franck

(Symphonic Vanations) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Henry Cowell 1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's Smith Square, London. Boris Berman, piano Beethoven (Sonate in F. Op 54). Stravinsky (Serenade in A): Debussy (Prefudes, Book 1) 2.00 From the Proms. Another

chance to hear Thomas Zehetmair, violin, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Frans Bruggen Rameau (Suite Les Fètes d'Hébé): Haydn (Symphony No 103 in E flat): Beethoven

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4,30 The Barttone Sexophone. John Surman continues his exploration into the history of his instrument (3/5) (r) 5.00 Music Machine. Tommy

5.00 Music Machine. Formpy Pearson takes a look at the trends in classical music during the 1960s, with the help of Ivan Hewett 5.15 In Tune, with Natelie Wheen. Includes J C. Bach (Sintonia in B flat On 8 No 41: in B flat, Op 6 No 4); Beethoven (Variations on Ich

beenroven (variations on ict Bin eine Schneider Kakadu, Op 121a); Ravel (La Valse) 7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis: With Heinrich Schiff, cello Britten Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); Brahms

Concerto in É minor); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in É minor) 9,35 Sounding the Century: The 60s — Paperback Writers. See Choice (1/5) 10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by Alexander Baillie, cello, and Marc-Andre Hamelin, piano. Nelvussar (Cello Sonala); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Martinu (Variations on a Theme of Rossini): Stravinsky

(Sufe Italienne)

10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandal

11.30 Composers of the Week:
Campra, Clérambault and Montéclair (f) 12.30am Jazz Notes, Digby

Fairweather presents a session from Tim Richard's Spirit Level 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Schubert (Prano Tro No 1 in B flat. D898; Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinshed) 2.30 Songs by William Harris 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00
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Boycott, Steven Rose, Margaret Wenheim, Aubrey Manning and Jonathan Manning and Johnson Sawday
10.00 News; The Lipman Test
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bus enthusiasts (4/6) 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Her

11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444. Personal imance news 12.00 News; You and Yours (FM). Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whiltaker

Sherrin hosts the general knowledge music quiz 12.55 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (FM) (r)

Marsden and Tom Bevan 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker presents an Chine Warra presents an Indian edition, meeting Rasi Shankar and the sonductor Zubin Mehta. Plus a review of a new biography of Gandhi and an opera setting of Kilding's solutions of Kipling's soldier poems 4.45 Short Story: Shutting

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Derek Cooper (r)

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7.45 The Monday Play:
Capricornia. See Choice

9.15 Whippets and Marsupiels.
Two men swap jobs in Britain and Australia (2/4) (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Roger Hearing
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Duel.
Stephen Boxer reads Joseph
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begin a duel that will last a begin a cuel mar we lest a litetime (1/5) in 11.00 The Living World (FM). Lonel Kelleway goes in search of otters foraging for crabs amongst the fore

sea kelp on the Isle of Skye (2/6) (r) 11.00 Education Matters (LW). Presented by Philippa Dolley 11.30 Pankhiraj (FM), A comedy by Tanika Gupta, With Charubala Chokshi, Meera Stal and Mars Dallies (2/4)

Syal and Vinny Dhillon (3/4) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx

12.30am Late Book: The Hobbit, by JRR Tolkien, Read by Michael Hordem (11/15) (r)

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Managing the news: Sayra Can, left, who is one of only five women enrolled on the Oxford MBA, with Jinhua Gao, a fellow graduate student

out of 49 is bad. To an outsider observing one Monday morning lecture, there is a palpable hollowness when the talk

turns to the glass ceiling that holds back women's careers. And when a male student iokes that it's hard to see the glass ceiling from his elevated position, he's probably being more truthful than he realises. It's something that worries

Professor Hopwood. But he says the number of women accepted was proportionally more than those who applied. In choosing Oxford, some students were taking a risk. In the US, and now here, MBAs

are passports to huge starting

salaries in finance or industry.

service background would eputation is everyplease the university traditionthing and a alists — and their anni-comfledgeling course k may be a gamble. It's But a flick through a book of not cheap either. The course student CVs reveals a number fees are £13,000 for the year. with the investment banking with an additional £2,000 to be background they would be less paid to one of the colleges. For keen on, as well as a lack of their part, the students are omen. Even by Oxford's certain that the Oxford cachet historic standards, five women

will more than compensate.

particularly overseas. As such. they are sensitive to erroneous newspaper reports that suggest the course is not a real part of the university. The brand name must be pro-

The integration of the MBA with other faculties at Oxford enables it to borrow academics from departments such as politics: a huge plus denied to

stand-alone business schools. The launch party made use of one of Oxford's non-academic assets; it was held at Le Petit Blanc, the new Raymond Blanc restaurant, where the Conran-designed interior is a far cry from the Radcliffe Infirmary, the 18th-century building that houses the course. Elegant as the Radcliffe facade may be students have to pick their way past patients in the corridors. The juxtaposition of the two —

management and health begs to be used as a metaphor for the post-Thatcher NHS. The facilities are neat and modern, though. Students can

plug their laptop computers

into desks in the lecture hall and download teaching material. And on the evidence of just a couple of lectures, the teaching can be a good deal more playful than some tradiional courses.

When explaining the concept of "groupthink". David Faulkner searches for an example. It refers to the way workers can retreat into dull conformity, particularly under a domineering leader. Mr Faulkner, a former Mckinsey consultant, settles on the min-

isters who served under Baroness Thatcher. "If they stopped agreeing," he says, "they were back on the back benches." The students take the point: "groupthink" is bad. It seems like a very Oxford way to teach business. The university has had a fraught relationship with the former leader, culminating in the refusal to offer her an honor-. ary degree. Incorporating its

enemy into cautionary case

studies would be a next way of

throwing punches after the

bell. But Mr Faulkner's exam-

ple is tongue-in-cheek, as is his reference to the managerial war cry of "Let's kick arse ... or whatever they say in America." This may not be the stuff to stave off snobbish comments in senior common rooms from a few academics unconvinced of the rigour of management studies.

here are those who believe some of the opposition to the new building plan was fuelled by this traditionalist distrust. But Oxford can take heart from a US business school. Jeffrey Garten, Dean of the Yale School of Manage ment and a former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade under Bill Clinton, says: "There are some great parallels between what has happened at Oxford and

years ago amid tremendous controversy. For many at Yale, founded in 1701 by Connecticut clergymen. a business school did not

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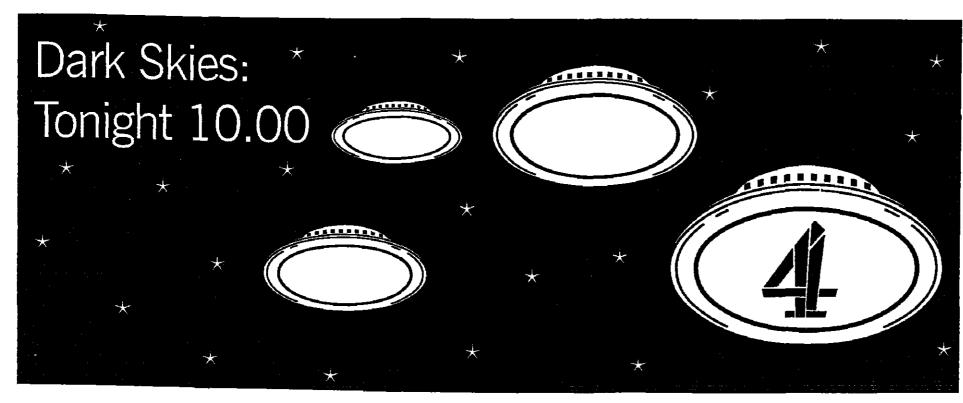
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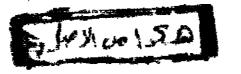
fit in with its traditional public service ethos, "Yale was anticommercial until very recently," he says. Mr Garten admits that it

has taken the best part of 20 years to find equilibrium, adopting a more "liberal arts" approach emphasising links to other departments and to public service. But there is work to be done before Oxford is viewed as an integral part of the premier league of international management schools. It will have to overcome sceptical comparisons with America's established big-hitters. European schools, such as insead Fontainebleau, France, must also be challenged.

Mr Garten, an interested party but one whose international trade experience embraces a huge swathe of the industrialised world, is politey damning about the current UK threat: "When I hear about competition from abroad I never hear about the British schools.\*\*

Class of 97: you have been challenged.





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SKY NEWS

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Little women, ladies in waiting, girls on top sion comedy series in which their made remains under male control. gender is made to look ridiculous because they have the self-confidence born of holding power. Secure people can afford to laugh

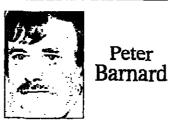
> A Night In With The Girls (BBC2, Saturday and Sunday) was an interesting if overlong doubleheader about women in television. from the early postwar days to the present. In that time, more has changed on the sunlit surface than in the underlying rock strata.

Street-Porter, Esther Rantzen, Anna Ford, Joan Bakewell (who all spoke in the programmes) and others have become household names as screen personalities, yet in recent times there has not been a woman as powerful in the executive corridors as was Grace Wyndham Goldie 40 years ago. Producers such as Verity Lambert and writers such as Lynda La Plante hold considerable sway, but the territory where schedules are

And under mole patronage, in all senses of the word. When Goldie moved from radio to television the team around her was known as 'Grace's boys''. Rantzen recalls how her own team at That's Life became "Esther's boys", yet no such epithet is applied to male-run departments. Rantzen made the related point that when Spitting Image wished to show Margaret Thatcher's dominance, her puppet was dressed in a man's suit.

owever,there is an incrimargument. Both Goldie inating downside to every and Rantzen did tend to surround themselves with men, leaving them open to the charge that they did little to promote the cause of women other than themselves. But television's treatment of women has improved a hit: Sylvia Peters, a continuity announcer from the 1950s, recalled how, when she

### REVIEW



married a floor manager, the couple were given a weck's wedding leave . . . but each was given a

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different week. The best drama of the weekend had a strong woman and indeed a fictional, male BBC executive who was shown briefly listening to the corporation's head of gobbledegook. Family Money (Channel 4), a four-part serial which began last night, had me riveted from the

the end of part one before a character inadvertently explained what the piece was all about. "The point is," she said, "is it entirely her own or is it family money she intends to throw about? Well, that's the point." Oh, I see.

The woman throwing money about is Fran Pye, brilliantly played by Claire Bloom. Pye is a gentle matriarch who has gone a bit funny in the head, having been mugged while trying to save a man from being beaten to death after a car accident. Therefore one strand of the plot is to do with Fran, widow of a diplomat, selling her house and the offspring wondering if they might get a slice of the proceeds. The other strand concerns Fran's gradual recall of the mugging: is that chap living on a canal boat at the back of her home the one who hit her?

Family Money is based on Nina Bawden's book. Both the adapta-

start, even though I was close to tion by Ruth Carter and the edition, but tomorrow's. Having direction of Renny Rye have a rhythm which holds the attention and the acting is first-rate from top to bottom. Bloom stands out because she so assured, such a screen presence. She won a Bafta for her performance in the BBC's Shadowlands and will be a candidate again after this.

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y heart sinks when something turns up described as a "feel-good fantasy" but alliterative hype should not put us off Early Edition, which arrived with a pilot episode on ITV on Saturday (it is already on Sky I). Early Edition is that rare bird, a good show based on a daft idea: examples of the reverse are easier to find.

The programme is American and concerns a young broker in Chicago who gets a copy of the Sun-Times delivered to his door every day by a cat. It is not today's

this afternoon's racing results this morning may be a licence to print money but Gary Hobson (Kyle Chandler) soon discovers that the advantage has the potential for nightmares. There are elements of Groundhog Day and Back to the Future, among countless other antecedents, but Early Edition is good fun in its own right.

A final word for Comic Relief (BBCl and BBC2, Friday). I grazed here and there rather than munching the whole field and thoroughly enjoyed Prime Cracker, in which Robbie Coltrane and Helen Mirren spoofed Fitz and Tennison in a mini-drama cum song and dance act. But quite why Comic Relief chooses to risk soiling so much splendid work by introducing adolescent smut, albeit late in the evening, is beyond me. Poverty and malnutrition should embarrass us; there is no need for the means of their relief to do so.

#### BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (89982) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (84340) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5045630) 9.20 Style Challenge (4309307) 9.45 Kilroy (4072272)

There is a gender paradox about television and it was pointed out by Janet Street-

Porter at the weekend. If you look

at the best comedies of recent

times, which include Men Behav-

ing Badly and One Foot in the

Grave, the key to the hilarious aw-

fulness of their male characters is

that they are weak and silly, traits

which are thrown into relief by the

behaviour of the women charac-

Clearly the viewing public, in-cluding men, accept this portrayal

as reflecting something of their

own experience. Men generally

agree that women have more

common sense, behave with more

maturity and have a greater sense

of responsibility.

These might be regarded as

important characteristics in, say, a television executive, yet nearly all

of that breed are men. But Street-

Porter did not quite complete the

point. Men are happy to commis-

ters, who despair with dignity.

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (293-10) 11.00 News and weather (6005369) ■ 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7617098)

11.35 Change That (8285630) 12.00 News and weather (7159098) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game

(5183901) 12.30 Going for a Song (6460369) 12.55 The Weather Show (79524833) 1.00 News (T) and weather (94727) 1.30 Regional News (83201678) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (598185) 2.05 Majority Rule (1992) with Blair Brown,

John Glover and Donald Moffat. An army general becomes a high-profile media star after a string of military victories, and decides to run for President. Directed by Gwen Arner (7879543) 3.30 Playdays (5050814) 3.50 Pingu (6415543) 3.55 Bodger and Badger

(4961122) 4.10 Gadget Boy (1059104) 4.35 Record Breakers Gold (T) (5097291) 5.00 Newsround (T) (3364494) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (3068415) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (363104) 6.00 News (T) and weather (659) 6.30 Newsroom South East (611)

7.00 This is Your Life (1) (9659) 7.30 Here and Now John Walters celebrates St Patrick's Day by visiting some of the Irish theme pubs which have sprung up. Plus: the second part of Tony Wilkinson's report on homelessness in

8.00 EastEnders Sarah gets a shock when she pays Alistair a visit (1) (8307) 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary decides to take a break with Phoebe (T) (7814) 9.00 News (T) and weather (9494) 9.30 Pamorama is traffic on our roads driving

us mad? (T) (760388) 10.10 Jaws: The Revenge (1987) with Michael Caine, Lorraine Gary and Mario Van Peebles. The remaining members of the Brody family are terrorised by a huge, bloodthirsty shark. Directed by Joseph Sargent (5563901) WALES: 10.10 The Slate (457104) 10.40 A

(521475) **11.25** Welsh Questions (813861) **12.00** FILM: Jaws the Revenge (60054833) 1.35am FILM: Hair (205031) 3.30 News 11.40 Film 97 with Barry Norman Includes reviews of the re-released Star Wars. Dante's Peak, with Pierce Brosnan, and

Romeo and Juliet, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes (1) (419727) 12.10am Hair (1979) Musical set in the 1960s. with John Savage as a Vietnam conscript from Oklahoma who joins a group of hippies in New York until he is summoned to undergo military training. Directed by Milos Forman (422050) 2.05 Weather (8132876)

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## - ₹ BBC2 · \* 6,00am Open University: Quality Care (7071630) 6.25 The Three Degrees (7090765) 6.50 How We Study Children

(T) (9822494) 7.15 News (T) (7994185) 7.30 Wacky Races (8755727) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (3128901) 8.20 Pingu (r) (3483272) 8.25 Hairy Jeremy (r) (6866456) 8.35 Lassie (r) (5711185) 9.00 Tv6 (36098) 9.30 Go for kt (7848388) 9.45 Technology Starters (7836543) 10.00 Playdays (79920) 10.30 Landmarks (2140185) 10.50 Look and Read (2160949) 11.10 Zig Zag (9079036) 11.30 Teaching Today (8901) 12.00 Betief File Islam (41562) 12,30pm Working Lunch (78104) 1,00 History File

(47308659) 1.20 German Globo (66612524) 1.25 Landmarks (47310494) .45 Storytime (83288727) 2.00 Pingu (r) (27137901) 2.05 Hairy Jeremy (r)

2.15 Holiday Camp (1947, b/w) Romantic drama with Kathleen Hamson, Dennis Price, Flora Robson and Jack Warner. Directed by Ken Annakin (653678)

3.55 News (T) and weather (6412456) 4.00 Today's the Day (524) 4.30 Ready. Steady, Cook (956) 5.00 Esther Maureen

5.30 Going, Going, Gone (388) 6.00 The Simpsons (T) (353253) 6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (487746) 7.10 Electric Circus (r) (757475) 7.30 The Sci Files: The Last Nobel? How

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport Tiff Needell and Mark James report on the Swedish leg of the World Rally Championship (1) (6949) 8.30 Ray Mears's World of Survival: Savali (1) (5456) 9.00 Outer Limits in the first of a new sci-fi series: a deaf woman is-used as a

does the Government plan to reverse the

decline of science-based industries in the



Amita Dhiri, Andrew Lincoln (9.45pm)

9.45 This Life Return of the griffly serial about young legal eagles (T) (516494) 10.28 Science Week: Shapes of the

Invisible (411562) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (618746) 11.15 Walden on Callaghan Last of the profiles on postwar Labour leaders (7) (342663)

11,45 Animated 2 (219814) 11,55 Weather (473185) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (50234)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University. the Palazzo Pubblico, Siena (37895) 1.00
What Was Modernism? (49401) 1.30 A
Change of Key (57708) 2.00 Nightschool
TV. Newstile — Geography and Politics
(94857) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (60857) 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse Restoring paintings (68234) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update

#### CHOICE Ray Mears's World of Survival

The "wilderness expert" is in Western Samoa this week but not to celebrate that tiny country's extraordinary prowess on the rugby field. Mears is concerned with more basic things, such as finding food and building shelters. Anybody who is likely to appear on Desert Island Dises in the near future should tune in and take note for here are perfect answers to those inevitable questions about catching fish and building shelters. The Western Samoans are not above using chainsaws and electric ovens when it suits them but mostly they rely on the traditional ways which have served them well for centuries. Here are step-by-step guides to making a house resilient enough to resist the local typhoons, hollowing out a log to produce a canoe and wrapping a stone in leaves to catch an octopus.

Cutting Edge: Jilted Channel 4, 9.00pm

Once again there is no shortage of ordinary people willing to face the cameras and relive some of their most embarrassing moments. Tonight's subjects have all been jilted and it is a more painful experience than you might think. Poor Chris was told by his bride-to-be Fiona, on the morning of the wedding that she could not go through with it. He took an overdose and spent what would have been the first night of his honeymoon in hospital. Nobody else in the film reacted that badly but there is plenty of heartache on display, even after the passage of many years. Dorothy was engaged to a French sailor, whom she first met as a pen friend at school. The wedding was set for April 1947 but he failed to show and she never saw him again. We follow her to France as she visits his grave and tries to discover why he let her down.

The drama about young flat-sharing lawyers who spend more time in the bedroom than the courtroom returns for a second series. The show has been much praised for its uninhibited portrayal of twenty-something angst, though this lot seem to have more that their share of sexual hang-ups. But the overwhelming impression, as we renew acquaintance with Milly, Egg, Anna, Miles and Warren, is of how little has changed. Like all soap operas. This Life has the knack of spinning out storylines almost to infinity. At this rate the flatmates will still be trying to resolve their relationships well into the 21st century. By then it will be time for John Major's exciting new pensions scheme, or its Labour equivalent, though our lawyers will probably have made so much money that they will not need to depend on it.

Walden on Callaghan BBC2, 11.15pm

Brian Walden's closely-argued assessment of the last Labour Prime Minister is based on a paradox. It was James Callaghan's supposed political strength, his ability to understand and deal with the trade unions, that proved to be his downfall. Walden traces the theme back to the powerry Callaghan experienced during his childhood. This made him see the union movement as a struggle of the downtrodden against exploitation and, in later years, to be fiercely protective of union powers. Walden argues that the crucial year in Callaghan's career was 1969, when he opposed In Place of Strife This gave the unions the signal that they could rely on him as an ally and led to the winter of discontent that swept Labour from power. The irony was that in contributing to the defeat of Callaghan, the unions ushered in Margaret Thatcher Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (6456746) 9.25 Chain Letters (T) (4384098) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5176185)

10.00 The Time, the Place (73746)

10.30 This Morning (49092974) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7148982) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6488765) 12.55 High Road (T) (6463456) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (47398272) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (11503017) 2.20 Savannah (r) (8636185)

3,20 News (T) (6351271) 3.25 Regional News (T) (7701712)

3.30 Tots TV (5511861) 3.40 Rambow Days (9512814) 3.50 Gooly (7416497) 4.05 Sooty's Amazing Adventures (2323814) 4.20 Snap (T) (1040456) 4.45 Art Attack (T) (5088543)

5.10 Sorted: Family Life New series of the magazine for (eenagers (5233659) 5.40 News (T) and weather (506982) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (380307) 6.25 HTV Weather (266388) 6.30 HTV News (T) (307)



Judith Chalmers visits Jordan (7pm)

7.00 Wish You Were Here? includes the top three holiday destinations chosen for the Tourism for Tomorrow awards. Plus, Judith Chalmers visits a historical farming village in Jordan which has been restored by locals, Sheryl Simms discovers some of the lesser-known delights of Majorca and John Carter travels through Acapulco and Mexico City (T) (4727)

7.30 Coronation Street Fraser offers Liz the chance to begin a entirely new life. Tricia confirms Jack's suspicions with a heartfelt confession (T) (291)

8.00 World in Action Hard-hitting investi-gative reports on topical issues (T) (3475) 8.30 Kavanagh QC: Ancient History A highly respected family doctor is prose cuted for his alleged involvement in Nazi war crimes during the Second World War

10.00 News (T) and weather (46017) 10.30 Regional News (T) (662384) 10.40 Nash Bridges A bus transporting a

group of prisoners to court is hijacked in downtown San Francisco (T) (180524) 11.35 So You Think You're Irish Barry Murphy introduces stand-up routines and sketches performed by top Irish comedians in a star-studded charity gala. The featured acts include Ed Byrne, Brendan O'Caroll, Owen O'Neili and Dylan Moran, plus, a special item by the writers of Father Ted (867920)

1.00 Not Fade Away (46789) 2.00 Planet Rock Profiles (66031) 2.30 Football Edra (7009012) 3.15 Club Nation (r) (761499) 4.15 Sound Bites (19241654) 4.30 World in Action (r) (T) (19050) 5.00 Coronation Street (88692) (r) (T) 5.30 News ( 55789)

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#### CENTRAL As HTV West except: 12,55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (6463456) 1.50 Blue Heelers (8103949)

2.45 Breakaways (9931291) 2.50-3.20 High Road (5819104) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5233659) 6.25-7.00 Central News (737253) 11.35 So You Think You're Irish (877307)

12.55am Not Fade Away (5890673) 1.55 Planet Rock Profiles (9852673) 2.30 Stand and Deliver (4551789) 4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (1166944)

5.20 Asian Eye (8058031)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (7148982) 12.55-1.25 Gardener's Diary (6463456)

1.50 Ruth Meets the Entertainers (11503017) 2.20 A Country Practice (2062659) 3.10-3.20 Breakaways (1084630) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5233659) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (80949) 10.30 Westcountry News (967776) 10.45-11.40 Nash Bridges (192123)

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1.50 Getaways (11503017) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (8636185) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5233659) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (727) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (307) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (967776) 10,45-11.40 Nash Bridges (192123)

#### ANGLIA As HTV West except:

5.00am Freescreen (88692)

12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (7167017) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (6463456) 1.50 Blue Heelers (8187901) 2.50-3.20 Jungle on Your Doorstep

(5819104) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5233659) 6.23 Anglia Weather (267017) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (737253) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (415398) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (967776)

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9.30 Schools (T) (100974) Summer Term Preview 9.45 Book Box (T) 10.00 Stage Two Science (f) 10.15 Learn Sign Language 10.20 Place and People (f) 10.40 The English Programme 11.05 Encyclopedia Galactica 11.15 The Mix (f) 11.30 Rai-A-Tai-Tai 11.45 Living and

12.00 Right to Reply (r) (\* (36630) 12.30pm Baby It's You (2/6) (r) (T) (63272) 1,00 Ellen (T) (10765) 1,30 Pete Smith Specialties (b/w)

1.45 Kentucky (1948, b/w) with Loretta Young, Richard Greene and Waller Brennan A romantic tale of horseracing folk. Directed by David Butler (T) (19698235)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (185) 4,00 Fifteen-To-One (T) (920) 4.30 Countdown (T) (104) 5,00 The Montel Williams Show (T) (5833) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (456) 6.00 The Cosby Show Sitcom (T) (369)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (949) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (168494) 7.55 Black Holes of Science in the first of a new series Professor Steve Jones, a geneticist, asks why babies are born so young and incapable (185494)

8.00 The Secrets of the Pharoahs An Encounters documentary: following a research team from Brigham Young University, Utah, as they examine mummies (r) (T) (9982)



Abandoned at the altar (9.00pm)

9.00 District Cutting Edge: Jilted Eight people profoundly affected by being left at the attar (T) (9746) 10.00 Dark Sides Offbeat science fiction drama series (T) (2833)

11.00 NBA Raw Basketball (97814) 12,00 For the Love Of ... Jon Ronson meets six ghost hunters (r) (77586)

1.00am Frontline: Animal Research (r) (T) (8945147)

1.45 Lost Animals The Caribbean Monk Seal (3563789) 1.50 Angels of Mercy? Animal rights' activists (r) (T) (8467383) 2.20 Lost Animals The Moorean tree snall

2.25 Sexual Imperative Human sexuality (r) (T) (4885296)

(73334437) 3.30 The Grampian Sheepdog Trials (r)

3,25 Lost Animals Burchell's Zebra

#### 4.00 Schools History in Action (420944) 5.35 Terrytoons (8630234), Ends at 6.00

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6.00am Morrung Glory (436388) 9.00 Regis and Kathe Lae (59253) 10.00 Another World (58949) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (38185) 12.00 Oprah Wintrey (98253) 1.00pm Geratico (13291) 2.00 Selb Jassy Replacel (10291) 3.00 Jerny Jones (20017) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (56104) 5.00 Selb Jassy Replacel (10291) 3.00 Jerny Jones (20017) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (56104) 5.00 Selb Tick The Near Generation (6104) 6.00 Real TV (2944) 6.30 Marriad — with Chaldren (3745) 7.00 The Simpsons (7833) 7.30 M \*\footnote{51} 10.00 Nesh Bridges (42727) 11.00 Selme Scott Tought (16633) 11.30 Selme Scott Tought (1663) 11.30 Selme S

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Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

6.00 Sports Centre (2611) 6.30 Tartan Edna (6291) 7.00 Monday Night Football (42659) 8.30 Live Sperish Football (83630) 10.30 Sports Centre (83669) 11.00 Iartan Edna (55727) 11.30 Monday Night Football (99630) 1.00 Spanish Football (38692) 3.00am-3.30 Sports Centre (68963) SKY SPORTS 3 EUROSPORT

12.00 Live Cricket (68384901) 3.30pm Live International Cricket (93168456) 9.00 High Five (32052253) 9.30 World Motor Sport (56581562) 11.00-11.30 Rebel Sports (32064088) 7.30em Cross-Country Skiing (85017) 8.00 Snowboarding (65497) 8.00 Skiing World Cup Final (66255) 11.00 Cross-Country

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7.00am Tellysteck (6643185) 7.35 Nerghbours (9408765) 8.00 Cossecutive (1163340) 8.25 EastEnders (8434272) 9.00 The Bit (2986524) 9.00 Bread (2739650) 10.00 Nerse in Elizabni (4399920) 10.30 The 6.00pm West Side Story (1981) (8213562) 8.30 Nadine (1987) (3066185) 10.00 Marathon Man (1976) (70457746) 12.10am Victor, Victoria (1982) 2/2846760) 2.25 Rasputin The Med Monk (1986) (6219585) 4.00-5.50 Ninotchka (1939) (4332811) The Bill (29862/4) state breate in transaction 10.00 Never the Twan (4399/201) 10.30 The Sullivans (29150/36) 11.00 Bergerau (824167/8) 12.00 Cressroads (2946/38) 12.00 pm Neighbours (273347/8) 1.00 East Endes (567827/1) 1.35 Det Émery Stat (3557307) 2.10 A Diddy Bit of Dedd (28748104) 2.20 Farty Secret Army (758/388) 2.55 "Allo "Allo! (6870/982) 3.30 The Bill (8396611) 4.00 All Crestnas Great and Small (6498901) 5.00 Brock Fortyth's Generation Game (95414901) 6.05 East Enders (4432794) 6.40 Are rou Berg Served? (3528562) 7.20 Russ Abbol (7419920) 7.50 Bullscye (14/8098) 8.30 To Be the Gest (5436294) 10.25 The Bill (1993/89) 11.00 Spring Image (54/8063) 11.30 Dr. Who Omnibus (31674669) 2.15am Shopping (57/60895) GRANADA PLUS 9.00pm Gigi (1958) (92867369) 11.00 Mrs Micher (1942) (86304291) 1.20am Dou-ble Bunk (1960) (16873091) 2.55-6.00 Gigi (1958) (32942876) Reach Volleyball (23833) 8.30 Racing News (91104) 9.00 World of Spead and Beauty (82455) 9.30 Aerobes Oz. Style (23745) 12.00 Sport Lazgue (53122) 12.00 Aerobics Oz. Style (95920) 12.30pm Fool-ball Special (53901) 2.00 Futbol Mundial (4901) 2.30 Football League Review (9307) 4.00 World Wide Rugby (4524) 6.00 Sports Certire (2511) 5.30 Tartan Edita (5901) 7.00 Monday Morti Football (42559)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (8175217) 6.25 Quack Atlack (9620302) 6.50 Bonkers

(3364746) 7.15 Linie Mermad (1678833)

Classic musical drama in West Side Story (Sky Movies Gold, 6pm)

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FOX KIDS NETWORK 6.00am Three collections of 157(89) 6.30 Inspector Gariger (739-901) 7.00 Sanutra Pizza Gata (EDC 123-730 Power Bunger-

8.30 Crocadou (7362543) 9.00 Rimbo's Island (5554494) 9.25 Why Why Family Hand (555444) 9.25 Why Why Family (259444) 9.30 Zooblee Zoo (372082) 9.55 Why Why Family (1893052) 10.00 Gin Bar: 1:tand (9834479) 10.25 Why Why Family (597901) 10.30 Zooblee Zoo (9904982) 10.55 Why Why Family (9276746) 11.00 Princess Staria (3521066) 11.30 Princeton (2822727) 12.00 Billy the Cat (7373659) 12.35pm VR (170606) 12.95258331 12.50 Power Rangus (29813367) 1.10 Mesked Bider (25419949) 1.30 Ace Ventura (6163366) 2.00 Casper (4418901) 2.30 Lile with Louie (9304712) 3.00 Eet-Shawaganas (4437036) 3.30 Ace 3.00 Erk-Shavaganda (4437036) 3.30 Ace Veniura (37,79997) 4.00 Caspor (5609104) 4.30 Power Rangers (5904956) 5.00 Mosked Rider (4409253) 5.30 Spiderman (120934N) 6.00 Goeseburnos (8964271)

6.00am Anne of Green Gables/Road to Ayonina (18456) 7.00 Dennis the Menace (7598) 7.30 Denns the Menacc (95017) 8.00 Bathan (38659) 8.30 Art Atlack (3950) 9.00 Flash Cordon (11983) 9.30 (subtree World (57272) 10.00 Remudid the

140494) 11.00 Danger Mouse (32272) 11.30 Gravedale High (\$3901) 12.00 Octar's Orchestra (31746) 12.300m Hallway Across, the Galaxy and Turn Left (68388) 1.00 By the Way of the Stars (75253) 1.30 Black Beauty (57569) 2.00 Grif from Tornorrow (8217) 2.30 Ocean Odyssey (5765) 2.00 Ari Attack (2501 3.30 Flash Gordon (7982) 4.00 Barman (6017) 4.30-5.00 The Big Dish (5901) CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00em** to **9.00em** Includes Tom and Jerry Popeye and The Firstones NICKELODEON

8.00em Artack of the Killer Tornations (2844) 6.30 Count Duckula (48096) 7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (9525036) 7.15 Hey Arnold (6630388) 7.30 Rugrats (81291) 8.00 Doug (90475) 8.30 Arthur (99746) 9.00 Chaldren's BBC (80088) 9.30 Children's BBC (26388) 10.00 Wimze's House (62678) 10.30 Babar (79982) 11.00 Magoc School Bus (61388) 11.30 Henry's CatWill Cwar Cward Cwerties's Literary/Topoley and School Bus (61388) 11.30 Henry's Cat/Mi Cwac Cwac/Luze's Library/Toposy and Timulimbo (62017) 12.00 Bananas in Pyternas (93562) 12.30pm Liftle Bear Somes (20104) 1.00 Children's BBC (79727) 1.30 Children's BBC (29475) 2.00 Wubbulous World of Di Seuss (2543) 2.00 Kissylur (9524) 3.00 Washbone (1678) 3.30 Sicton' Around (1369) 4.00 Bruno the Kd (3104) 4.00 Rugrais (9389) 5.00 Seton Seton (6123) 5.30 Moosha (3340) 6.00 Press Gang (9663) 6.30-7.00 Doug (4833) TROUBLE

12.00 Hearthreak, High (2747678) 1.00pm Madison (8230562) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (2727814) 2.00 Hangtime (4200123) 2.30 California Dreams (8309562) 3.00 Byter Grove (4296530) 3.30 Blast (8311307) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (8390814) 4.30 Hangtime (839608) 5.00 Sovad by the Bell (4291475) 5.30 California Dreams (8310678) 6.00 Byter Grove (8300291) 8.30 Madison (8391543) 7.00-8,00 Hearthreak Hint (26831041) break High (3583104)

BRAVO 8.00pm Robocop (3569524) 9.00 The Burning Zone (358988) 10.00 Tour of Duty (3582475) 11.00 FILM: Street Fighter II (998)920) 1.00am The Burning Zone (5739352) 2.00 Tour of Duty (9614321) 3.00 FILM: Street Fighter II (2738925) 5.00

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## **SWT** to explain reduced services

By Fraser Nelson

STAGECOACH. the transport group that runs the South West Trains network, was preparing its case over the weekend as it prepared for Wednesday's meeting with the House of Commons Transport Select Committee.

Brian Cox, managing director of South West Trains, has been summoned to explain why the company has struck 39 services a day from the network's timetable over

the last six weeks. South West Trains serves the lines from Waterloo to Reading, Gat-wick, Weymouth and Portsmouth among others. He will be asked to

assure ministers that the company, which is being paid £54.7 million in its first year of running the franchise, will have resolved the fiasco by the end of next month.

It was forced into the cancellations after it made 70 drivers redundant through a cost-cutting programme leaving insufficient staff to run the trains. It cannot make up the shortfall until new drivers are familiar with every new route they will be asked to work on - a procedure that can take up to seven weeks.

Mr Cox is expected to be asked to tell the committee how much more training will be required before the service will be restored to normal level. If it fails to meet the standard set by Opraf, the rail regulator, it will be charged up to £1 million and risks losing its seven-year tenure of the

franchise. While Stagecoach has one of the highest profiles of the new rail operators, it is one of the least active. West Trains franchise over a year ago, it failed in every other one of its bids apart from the Isle of

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Piers and peers: Coutts and Co, the Queen's bank, opens its first office on the South Coast tomorrow in Bournemouth. Richard Horder, the branch's manager, relaxes on the beach

# SFO to move over bank's black hole

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT WARDLE, assistant director of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and the vetting officer of potential cases for investigation, will this week step up his mon-itoring of the £90 million "blackhole" at NatWest Markets. The SFO, which is likely to

draft in officers from the City of London fraud squad if the NatWest case is formally adopted, has yet to be given sufficient evidence by Nat-West that trades in the interest rate options market by trader, involved criminal behaviour.

There is no suggestion at present that Mr Papouis, who left NatWest Markets last December and who subse-

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quently resigned his position at Bear Stearns, the US securities house, acted for personal gain. Therefore, the SFO is unlikely to press ahead with an investigation based on an alleged conspiracy to defraud

the banking group.

If this remains the position, the SFO could be expected to launch a formal inquiry only if it emerges that the data input into the investment banking group's computers or trading books amounted to making misleading statements or false accounting.

Any final

a NatWest investigation, in what is an already overcrowded caseload, will be taken by George Staple, director of the SFO. On the civil side the NatWest affair is being jointly investigated by the Bank of England, which is the prudential supervisor of NatWest Bank and is responsible for the direct supervision London's capital markets and

the Securities and Futures

Authority, the City watchdog for individual traders and their supervisors and senior NatWest's internal investi-

gation, assisted by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the City law firm, will this week continue to piece together the thousands of derivatives trades executed over a number of years by Kyriacos Papouis, the former trader.

Mr Papouis's girlfriend, who also works at NatWest Markets, has been sent on thought to have played any part in the affair.

If the SFO does adopt the NatWest case an experienced in-house lawyer will be assigned to head the investigation with back-up from forensic accountants and financial investigators.

City of London Police officers are already seconded to the SFO's ongoing inquiries into the \$1.8 billion Sumitomo

Corporation copper scandal and the Peter Young affair at Morgan Grenfell.

Last week NatWest Markets announced that E77 million would be written off against profits from the first six months of the current financial year.

Some £5 million will come from existing provisions and a further £8 million from holding back unpaid bonuses. Of this sum Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets, gave up £200,000 of his £500,000 bonus for last year. se sums will cover the £90 million.

But The Times has learnt, however, that almost all of the unpaid bonuses, except that of Mr Owen, has been clawed back from just two senior executives. These are believed to be Jean François Nguyen, head of debt derivatives, and Christophe Lanson, head of interest rate risk management, both of whom have been suspended during the inquiry.

## Union to help police inquiry into pensions

By Robert MILLER

A SENIOR trade union official last night offered to pass hundreds of files to Scotland Yard to assist a preliminary investigation that starts this week into the E4 billion personal pensions mis-selling scandal.

Bill Day, pensions officer for GMB, the general union. which has issued hundreds of writs through Ringrose Wharton, the Bristol law firm, on behalf of members fighting for compensation from life companies, told The Times: "We would be very happy to give our files to the police.

Mr Day added: "We have built up over a period of time to believe that much more than casual mis-selling took place. Our view is that a massive fraud has been perpe-

trated on the British public." The Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Squad has opened a file on the personal pensions mis-selling scandal. However, a well-placed source at Scotland Yard said this weekend that the investigation was "in its very early days

yet". For more than two years, John Edmonds, GMB general secretary, has campaigned for the Serious Fraud Office to launch an investigation. Mike O'Brien, Shadow Eco-

nomic Secretary, criticised the Government for not tackling the problem earlier and for failing to ascertain whether widescale fraud had taken place. "As a criminal lawyer l know that the longer you delay an investigation and subsequent prosecution the colder the evidence gets."

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday: "If something comes to light in the course of the work being done by the City regulators, it should be investigated by the relevant authority. But redress and compensation to the victims should be the priority."

More than 600,000 victims were wrongly advised to leave generous occupational schemes or not to join them in the first place, including police officers, nurses, firefighters, miners and public sector workers.

## Howden takeover expected by City

HOWDEN, the Scottish ergoneering equipment maker could become the subject of a takeover bid this month. City sources believe.

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The company, which priduces industrial fairs and drilling equipment, has seen 20 million of its shares change. hands in the last formight, five times the normal trading activity. Last week's frantic trading saw 11.5 million Howden shares traded (14 per cent of the company), including 724 million on Friday alone.

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It is understood that Howden, which last October clinched a £36 million deal in supply tools to drill the longest tunnel in China, is seen as an attractive target for any comdrilling equipment.

been rife with takeover activity in recent months, with FKI's failed bid for Newman Tonks.
Triplex Lloyd's failed bid for
William Cook and Fairey's bid
for Burnfield. Analysis fore.

cast still more consolidation-this year.

Although Howden's shares.

stand at a high of 832p, they are still at a 40 per cent-discount to the market. This month two of the company's directors increased their fam-

Howden last returned flat interim profits of £11.1 million. after a £600,000 hit from the the strength of sterling. It is expected to return £33.5 million for the full year to Aprilagainst the £42.9 million-it made last time.



By Robert Miller

CHIME Communications, the quoted stock market vehicle of Sir Tim Bell's public relations and advertising empire, has firmly dismissed reports of a pending merger with Lord Gummer's much larger Shandwick International. The denial comes as election fever mounts.

once dubbed "Margaret Thatcher's favourite PR man". are two of John Major's closest advisers and will be key behind-the-scenes figures in the forthcoming general elec-

The political and business contacts of the two men are legendary, but some City analysts have questioned whether they will wield as much "clout" if Labour wins the election.

Chime is in its "close reporting period" before unveiling what are expected to be increased annual profits later

this month. Senior sources at the company said last night that talk of a £100 million merger between the two groups was "pure speculation". It was triggered last month when fund managers at UK Active Value, an investment company, took a near 8 per cent stake in Chime. This led to market speculation that Active Value had spotted profit potential from a merger between two leviathans of the agency business while giving

Sir Tim, however, can also boast access to most heads of state around the world, including Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President, who owes much of his re-election victory to Chime. The speculative froth in the PR market has been given added impetus by last month's stock market flotation

## **Brokers forecast** unsettled opening

BROKERS are forecasting a shaky start to trading on the London stock market this morning, with around one in ten of the top 100 companies due to go ex dividend.

This will be the equivalent of a 22-point fall in the market's leading indicator, the FT-SE I(X) index, which closed on Friday at 4.424.3. At least four of the companies going exdividend are rated among the top ten in terms of capitalisation.

The biggest is the banking giant HSBC, which owns Midland Bank, and carries a price tag of £41 billion. The group is paying 32.5p gross (26p net), equivalent to a fivepoint fall in the index.

(£41.9 billion). Ladbroke Group 3.8p (£2.82) and Zeneca 22.5p (£17.8 billion).

Brokers said on Friday that even by usual standards this represents an abnormally large number of companies to go ex dividend in one day, and

paying bookshops discriminated against smaller sellers.

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## Chime dismisses PR merger talk

Lord Gummer and Sir Tim. tion campaign.

the smaller Chime access to Shandwick's worldwide network of 90 offices.

# By Michael Clark, stock market correspondent

Others to go ex the dividend

on Monday include BAT industries 20p net (£!7.4 billion), BTR 7p (Ell.83 billion). Schweppes 11.8p Cadbury (E5,45 billion). GKN 16.9p (£3.19 billion), Glaxo 22.5p

may prove a significant hurdle for the market to cross. ☐ Pearson, the media con-glomerate, which is due to announce results today, could face a higher damages bill from its US Penguin subsidiary. The group has made a £100 million provision for accounting anomalies, but this figure could double if legal action from the American Booksellers' Association is successful. The body, which represents the US book trade, is claiming that discounts given by Pearson to early-

# Row delays 'good news' on jobless

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

A ROW between ministers and Whitehall officials is preventing the publication of figures which show that unemployment is falling up to twice as PRICE SAME PACTUDE PROSEUR DELIVERY TO HIMES REMDERS (REST OF WORLD AND ETTER STEMS). SO DULLAR CHEQUES ONLY. (BI-1983 1-65, TIMES (ROSAU (REST)). Reverse 14.39, each The Times Longue. Book 2 (20) partially 15 only. Consumed In 1977 In 1987 In only. Consumed Manual In 1977 In 1989 In only. Consumed Manual In 1977 In 1989 In only. The Artist of The Artist In 1987 In only. The Artist In 1987 In 1987 In only. The Artist In 1987 In 19 fast as has been previously estimated.

The disclosure of the dispute comes as the Government prepares to publish the latest unemployment figures, which are also expected to show a further fall. The publication of figures showing

trends in unemployment was suspended in October after the introduction of the Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA), the replacement for unemployment benefit. However, ministers want to make public, in

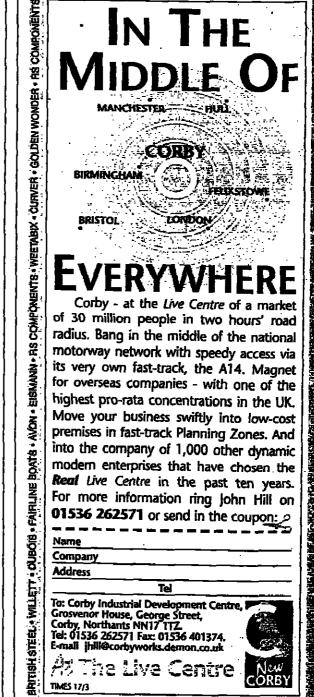
advance of the general election, what they believe is an accurate estimate of the trend in unemployment. They maintain that the Office of National Statistics' estimate of unemployment falling at the rate of 15.000 to 20.000 per month is wildly out of date after some large monthly falls, including the largest two declines since new records began in 1971.

The real level of decline is now thought to he as much as twice that estimate, at around 25,000 to 30,000 per month. But the statisticians are insistent that although the introduction of the JSA is having a marked impact its effect on the figures is still unclear.

Officials in the ONS, and in rival Whitehall departments, have been work-

ing on the figures, attempting to disenrangle the effects of JSA, and different departments are coming up with different estimates. This means that they cannot reintroduce with confidence their estimate of the trend in unemployment, and they say they will not have a clear figure until next month. But because of the proximity to the election ministers want to see the new figures on the unemployment trend published now.

The unemployment trend figures are viewed as vital in the City, where the actual changes in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit tend to be measured against the expected trend. with markets going up or down



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